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## **11<sup>th</sup> Annual SJM Scholarship Awards**

(Macau, 5 August 2015) Sociedade de Jogos de Macau, S.A. (“SJM”) awarded scholarships to 40 children of staff today, including new scholarships to 10 outstanding students of Year 2015 and renewal of scholarships for 28 recipients of Year 2014, 2013 and 2012.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual SJM Scholarship Awards was held today at Kam Pek Community Centre. Chairman of the Board of Directors of SJM Dr. Ambrose So, Managing Director and Chairman of the Staff Welfare Consultative Committee of SJM Ms. Angela Leong, and Director of SJM Dr. Rui Cunha celebrated the joyous moments with the award-winning students and families.

Ten outstanding students were selected by the SJM Scholarship Selection Committee out of 56 applicants this year. They were Zheng Xiao Wen, Mou Lai Lei, Lai Kin Man, Ao Sin I, Leong Man Kuan, Wong Pak Hei, Lei Kuan Long, Ng Nok Si, Tou Hio Tong and Loi Teng Chong. Each will be awarded MOP20,000 per year until they finish their university studies. In addition, two applicants Fang Teng and Lo Ka Man who were not on this awardees list were each awarded MOP10,000 as a token of encouragement for their good performance.

The ceremony also witnessed the renewal of SJM Scholarships to 28 recipients of Year 2014, 2013 and 2012 who were each awarded MOP20,000 for the new academic year. Among them, Leong Ka Kun and Hoi Wai Keong were named the Best Performing students in the past academic year, and were each given an extra award of MOP5,000.

Dr. Ambrose So, Chairman of the Board of Directors of SJM and of the SJM Scholarship Selection Committee, commented in his speech, “As the ancient Chinese saying ‘形正德至’ goes, improper behaviour results from the lack of morality and virtues. Moral development is important as it is not limited to self-cultivation, but can also affect relations with people and the environment around you.” He continued, “This is exactly what the ancient Silk Road signified – its greatest value was not on trade, but on the exchange of culture and promotion of peace, and its success reflected the fine tradition of Chinese culture in persevering moral integrity, which begins from the cultivation of oneself. This is also exactly what the present ‘One Belt and One Road’ initiative advocates – peace, inclusiveness, and mutual benefit, inheriting from and passing on the spirit of the ancient Silk Road and of traditional Chinese culture.” Dr. So ended the speech by encouraging the students to be beautiful inside and out, and dedicate their efforts to building a moral and harmonious society.

Managing Director of SJM, Chairman of the Staff Welfare Consultative Committee and Vice-Chairman of the SJM Scholarship Selection Committee Ms. Angela Leong welcomed the students to join the SJM family upon graduation and urged them to continue to support the activities organized by the alumni association. She remarked in her speech, “The establishment of the scholarship

programme upholds Dr. Stanley Ho's 'people-oriented' belief, which goes in line with his principle of 'from society to society' while nurturing talent for Macau. Moreover, the scholarship's alumni association, which serves as a bridge in uniting the students, has organized various community activities for the students, passing on SJM's spirit of patriotism, and following the footsteps of the company in contributing back to society."

Mr. Lai Kin Man represented the awardees to give the thank-you speech. He said, "SJM Scholarship not only makes a huge contribution to the nurturing of talent for Macau, it also helps students achieve their dreams. Being a student of the new generation, one needs to uphold one's goal and work very hard towards it. In this age of 'knowledge explosion' with the rapid development of technology and popularization of the internet, the development of creativity and independent thinking is very important, and the university provides a perfect setting for moral development and for the cultivation of positive values. Thus, we should make good use of this opportunity to learn and contribute back to society in future."

The SJM Scholarship programme awards outstanding children of staff to further their university studies. Children of staff of SJM and STDM who are first-year undergraduates are eligible for application. The programme awards ten scholarships annually to children of staff, who are each awarded MOP20,000 per year until they finish their university studies (up to five years). Renewal of scholarships is based on assessment of the recipient's academic results by the SJM Scholarship Selection Committee annually. The Programme, since established in 2005, has awarded over 120 children of staff, of whom 70 have graduated.

In addition to offering scholarships to children of staff, SJM also sponsors the full school fees of staff to further their studies at Macau Millennium College, and encourages employees to return to school by completing secondary school education at Millennium Secondary School. Moreover, SJM awards scholarships at local educational institutions and sponsors their activities. SJM is also dedicated to the development of education in China, including funding the construction of a primary school in Sichuan's earthquake-affected area with yearly staff visits organized by the SJM Staff Welfare Consultative Committee, bringing love and warmth to the students and families there.