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12th Annual SJM Scholarship Awards 42 children of staff benefitted

(Macau, 10 August 2016) Sociedade de Jogos de Macau, S.A. (“SJM”) awarded scholarships to 42 children of staff today, including new scholarships to ten outstanding students of Year 2016 and renewal of scholarships for 32 recipients of Years 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012.

The 12th Annual SJM Scholarship Awards was held today at the Grand Ballroom of Grand Lisboa. Director of Education and Youth Affairs Bureau of the Macau SAR Government Ms. Leong Lai, Director of the Department of Culture and Education of the Liaison Office of the Central People’s Government in the Macau SAR Mr. Hong Bo, President of Macao Polytechnic Institute Professor Lei Heong Iok, President of the Chinese Educators Association of Macau Ms. Ho Sio Kam, and guests from the educational and community sectors joined the Chairman of the Board of Directors of SJM Dr. Ambrose So, Managing Director and Chief Administrative Officer of SJM Ms. Angela Leong, Director of SJM Dr. Rui Cunha and other senior management of the company in celebrating the joyous moments with the award-winning students and families.

This year, ten outstanding students were selected from 46 applicants by the SJM Scholarship Selection Committee. The winning students are Lao Hio Cheng, Wong Chun Kit, Sio Pui Teng, Li Sio Chon, Leong Chi Hong, Sin Kin Chon, Leong Kin Leng, Pun Ka In, Li Yaxiu, Wong Nga Si. Each will be awarded MOP20,000 per year until they finish their university studies.

The ceremony also witnessed the renewal of SJM Scholarships to 32 recipients of Year 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012, who were each awarded MOP20,000 for the upcoming academic year. Among them, Ng Nok Si and Wong Mun On were named the best performing students in the past academic year, and were each given an additional award of MOP5,000.

Dr. Ambrose So, Chairman of the Board of Directors of SJM and of the SJM Scholarship Selection Committee, reminded the students of the importance of perseverance in learning and never giving up when facing difficulties. He said in his speech that the SJM Scholarship Programme helps students to pursue their dreams, and that learning is a lifelong process, and perseverance is vital for success. Dr. So encouraged the students to make the best use of their time to equip themselves, enjoy learning and make it a habit, and become an asset to Macau’s development into a knowledge-based society.



Managing Director cum Chief Administrative Officer of SJM, and Vice-Chairman of the SJM Scholarship Selection Committee Ms. Angela Leong remarked in her notes of encouragement, “The SJM Scholarship Programme upholds Dr. Stanley Ho’s ‘people-oriented’ belief. We put strong focus on the welfare of our employees and the nurturing of our employees’ children. This goes in line with Dr. Ho’s principle of ‘from society to society.’” She hoped that the students can turn their gratitude into motivation to study, and repay their parents, teachers and the society with flying colours. Moreover, she welcomed students to join the big family of SJM upon graduation, and encouraged them to participate in the activities organized by the SJM Scholarship’s Alumni Association, passing on SJM’s spirit of patriotism, and following the footsteps of the company in contributing to society.

Ms. Lao Hio Cheng represented the awardees to give the thank-you speech. She gratefully thanked SJM for its enormous contribution to the nurturing of talent for Macau, and also parents and teachers for their support. She said in her speech, “As a student of the new generation, one needs to uphold one’s goal and work very hard towards it. One should also stay modest in victory and never give up upon failure. The development of creativity and independent thinking is very important, and the university provides a perfect setting for the cultivation of positive values. Thus, we should make good use of this learning opportunity 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 its establishment in 2005, has awarded scholarships to over 119 children of staff, of whom 76 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 through sponsoring local educational and cultural events, SJM aims to promote Chinese culture and fostering learning in society. 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 regular staff visits organized by the SJM Staff Welfare Consultative Committee, bringing love and warmth to the students and families there. The Committee also organized staff participation in the patriotic education programme in Jinggangshan, Jiangxi.