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## **SJM awards scholarships to children of staff**

(Macau, 6 August 2013) Sociedade de Jogos de Macau, S.A. (“SJM”) awarded scholarships to 39 children of staff today, including award of scholarships to 10 outstanding students of Year 2013 and renewal of scholarships for 29 recipients of Year 2012, 2011 and 2010. Chairman of the Board of Directors of SJM Dr. Ambrose So, Managing Director Ms. Angela Leong, Director Dr. Rui Cunha, senior management of the Company, members of the Alumni Association of Scholarship for SJM Employees’ Children celebrated the joyous moments with the award-winning students and families at the SJM Scholarship Award Ceremony held at Kam Pek Community Centre.

The SJM Scholarship Programme awards 10 scholarships annually to children of staff, who are each awarded MOP20,000 per year until they finish their university studies (up to five years). The ten outstanding students selected for Year 2013 by the SJM Scholarship Selection Committee were Kuong Si Long, Leong Chi Fong, Wong Kam Cheng, Wong Mun On, Wong Ka I, Tang Jin He, Chen Hao Ting, Lam Kei Fong, Lam Ian I, and Wong Man Wa. In addition, three students who were not on the awardees list but given their brilliant performance were each awarded MOP10,000 as a kind of special encouragement. The remaining 26 applicants shortlisted for the interview were each given a book subsidy of MOP5,000 by Ms. Angela Leong, Managing Director of SJM and member of the Macau Legislative Assembly, to show her appreciation for their hard work.

The ceremony also witnessed the renewal and award of SJM Scholarships to 29 recipients of Year 2012, 2011 and 2010 who were each awarded MOP20,000 for the new academic year. Among them, Chang Chi Ngai was named the best performing student in the past year, and was given an extra award of MOP3,000.

Dr. Ambrose So, who also serves as Chairman of the SJM Scholarship Selection Committee, said in his speech that SJM places great emphasis on education which forms the basis of a harmonious society, and it is satisfying to witness the growth and improvements of the students at the SJM Scholarship Award Ceremony every year. Dr. So reminded the young people that they must learn to do with diligence, and not with ease in this money minded society. As he said, “Some gifts are inborn, of which we have no control, only hard work and perseverance are totally managed by us, and opportunity only favours the well prepared.” Dr. So concluded by urging the students to continue practising diligence and the knowledge and experience they have accumulated today will be of benefit to society in future.



Ms. Angela Leong, who also serves as Vice-Chairman of the SJM Scholarship Selection Committee congratulated the awardees and praised the brilliant performance of all applicants. She hoped that the students will continue with their hard work and participate in more community services through the Scholarship's Alumni Association. On behalf of SJM, Ms. Leong welcomed the graduates to pursue their careers in SJM and together they will contribute to the prosperity and harmony of society.

Mr. Leong Chi Fong, on behalf of the recipients, thanked SJM for their tremendous contributions in nurturing talent. He promised that he and the other awardees will continue to work hard on every task, while taking to heart the advice of their parents and teachers, and be an asset to society in future.

Mr. James Ng, Vice President of the Council of Alumni Association of Scholarship for SJM Employees' Children, reported that the Association currently has 120 members, and has participated in various community services and activities since its establishment in December 2012, including the "Trip to Sichuan with Love" organized by the Staff Welfare Consultative Committee of SJM. James also took the opportunity to say a big thank-you to Ms. Angela Leong, Chairman of the Staff Welfare Consultative Committee, for her support and encouragement during her mother's death last year. Now working at SJM, James said that he is very proud to be a member of this loving and caring family.

Since its establishment in 2005, the SJM Scholarship Programme has awarded scholarships to 89 students, of whom 49 have graduated from their university studies. Children of staff of SJM and STDMM who are first-year undergraduate students are eligible for application. Each scholarship is renewed upon assessment of the recipient's academic results by the SJM Scholarship Selection Committee annually.

In addition to offering scholarships to children of staff, SJM also awards scholarships annually at the University of Macau and at various institutions and schools and support their educational activities, as well as sponsors the full school fees of staff who further their studies at Macau Millennium College. SJM also cares for the development of education in China, including building a primary school at the earthquake affected area, and enhancing kindergarten facilities for poor children.