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Mayer Brown JSM partners with World Vision to sponsor children living in poverty

16 September 2010, Hong Kong – Mayer Brown JSM, a leading global law firm, in association with World Vision Hong Kong, is delighted to announce the "Mayer Brown JSM World Vision" child sponsorship programme.

This is the first time that a law firm in Asia has partnered with World vision, a Christian humanitarian organisation, to sponsor children living in poverty across different countries in the region.

Employees at Mayer Brown JSM's Hong Kong office have signed up to donate a total of more than HK\$377,000 to World Vision which will go towards sponsoring 133 children suffering from poverty across Asia.

The funds provided by donors will help to implement area development programmes in the communities of children located in China, India, Cambodia and Mongolia. The money raised will also help to provide the basic needs of nutritious food, clean water, healthcare and education to the children and help to create a lasting change in their lives, as well as the lives of their families and communities.

"Mayer Brown JSM is proud to be the first ever law firm in Asia to partner World Vision Hong Kong," said Woody Chang, head of Mayer Brown JSM's Community Involvement Committee. "We want to make a lasting difference in the lives of children living in abject poverty across Asia and look forward to working together with World Vision to give these children a better future.

"Over 1 billion people go hungry every day. 18,000 children below the age of 5 die every day from hunger and related causes. We know we cannot change the world but we want to help."

The World Vision Child Sponsorship Programme is a child-focused and community-based programme, which aims at helping the sponsored child's family and the community address the root causes of poverty, and build a self-reliant community for the child in the long run.

World Vision helps to improve areas of water, agriculture, healthcare, education and economic development to help communities achieve sustainable development and enable children to grow up in a healthy environment and be free from poverty.

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About World Vision: World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organisation working to create lasting change in the lives of children, families and communities living in poverty. We serve all people regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or gender. World Vision was established by Dr. Bob Pierce, an American journalist, in 1950. At present, we are working in nearly 100 countries, benefiting over 100 million people. World Vision focuses on children because when they are fed, sheltered, schooled, protected, valued, and loved, a community thrives.

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