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Mayer Brown JSM donates furniture to 19 social enterprises and organisations

16 March 2011, Hong Kong – Mayer Brown JSM, a leading global law firm, is pleased to announce that it has donated more than 380 items of furniture to 19 social enterprises and other organisations in Hong Kong.

This initiative came as a result of the recent renovation of Mayer Brown JSM's main office last year. Donated items included bookshelves, desks and conference tables. The firm also previously donated more than 1,700 furniture items to 14 social enterprises and non-governmental organisations in Hong Kong last October.

Beneficiaries of Mayer Brown JSM's surplus furniture include non-profit organisations such as Haven of Hope Christian Service, schools such as Asbury Methodist Primary School and Lee Wai Lee Secondary School, as well as local social enterprises such as Habitat for Humanity China, Crossroads and the Healthy Mothers-to-be Association.

The donation was a joint initiative arranged together with the Hong Kong Council of Social Service - HSBC Social Enterprise Business Centre. Social enterprises generate income through business operations and reinvest profits back into the community and disadvantaged groups. Instead of maximising profit, the social enterprises generate revenue to support their social missions.

"We are delighted that our surplus furniture can be put to use for such good causes within our community," said Jennifer Milford, Mayer Brown JSM's Chief Operating Officer for Asia. "We hope that our small gesture can help meet the needs of these organisations and give them a platform to continue supporting our community and making a difference to the lives of disadvantaged groups, the elderly as well as our future generations."

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