



中國工商銀行(亞洲)

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### **ICBC (Asia) Organizes Charity Dance Performance “The Smiling, Proud Wanderer”**

Hong Kong, 20 November 2006 – ICBC (Asia), as a caring corporate in the local community and the Chairman for the Caritas Fund Raising Committee, fully supports charity events on top of striving to expand business and market shares. It organized a charity dance performance “The Smiling, Proud Wanderer”, on 17 November 2006 at the Grand Theatre of Hong Kong Cultural Centre.

ICBC (Asia) has organized the charity dance performance with The Hong Kong Dance Company to raise fund for Caritas-Hong Kong and The Hong Kong Dance Company for three years. This year, with the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of The Hong Kong Dance Company, the popularity of “The Smiling, Proud Wanderer” and the effect of ICBC’s dual listing in stock market of Shanghai and Hong Kong which is the largest IPO in the world, the donation amount raised this year broke the records.

This fund raised by ICBC (Asia) for Caritas-Hong Kong will certainly help those in need in the community. It echoed with the theme of Caritas-Hong Kong Fund Raising Campaign this year: “Give them a ray of hope!”.

Performed by The Hong Kong Dance Company, “The Smiling, Proud Wanderer” is the famous martial arts novelist Jinyong's representative work. The Hong Kong Dance Company was honored to have the authorization of Mr. Jinyong to adapt it into a stage performance. This production was directed by the famous filmmaker Stephen Shin, and choreographed by Leung Kwok-shing (Assistant Artistic Director of the Company) and Yang Yuntao. Rosanne Wong and Race Wong of the Hong Kong girl duo 2R joint the Company's dancers in this never-before attempt of presenting “The Smiling, Proud Wanderer” on stage with dancing and singing.

The stage version of “The Smiling, Proud Wanderer” follows Yilin's (starred by Rosanne Wong) wandering in Jianghu. The contrast between Yilin's innocence and Jianghu's sophistication highlights the love between people and the theme of freedom in life. Blending dance and music, stunning wire effects, splendid lighting, and fabulous costumes, “The

Smiling, Proud Wanderer” turned a martial arts novel into a graceful stage performance that possesses modern artistic aesthetics.

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