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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Kosmopolito Hotels International pledged its support for the Asian Youth Orchestra (AYO)**

**9 August 2012** - In upholding its CSR initiative, Kosmopolito Hotels International presented HK\$44,000 to the Asian Youth Orchestra (AYO) recently. The scholarship was presented to two young musicians namely CHEN Xun (Flute, China) and Michele Khor (Violin, Malaysia) who are part of the 104-member AYO team.

“Music brings people together regardless of their race and creed; and we are proud to be associated with AYO; and to play our part in ensuring that young people are given the opportunity to pursue their passion for music. Our sponsorship for Xin Chen and Michele Khor will be used to fund their tuition and other expenses throughout the three week Rehearsal Camp”, commented Winnie Chiu, President and Executive Director of Kosmopolito Hotels International who is also the youngest member of the board of governors of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society Limited, The Friends of the Hong Kong ArtsCentre, the Hong Kong United Youth Association Limited (HKUYA), The Y.Elites Group and The Chinese General Chamber of Commerce.

“KHI has always been active in supporting causes that are geared towards the betterment of the society and in supporting the younger generation to better equipped themselves either through higher learning or in this instance acquiring a specific skill,” added Winnie.

Other CSR initiatives undertaken by KHI included the HK\$1.8 million scholarship presentation to Ju Ching Chu Secondary School to encourage, motivate and nurture talented students by Tan Sri Dato’ David Chiu and Winnie Chiu, president and executive director of KHI, HK\$150,000 worth of scholarships to students who were pursuing Higher Diploma in hotel, service and tourism studies at Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education (IVE) and contribution to the National Heart Foundation in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia to fund heart treatments especially for children to name a few.

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## **The Asian Youth Orchestra**

The Asian Youth Orchestra is an orchestral summer program that annually brings together 100 finest pre-professional musicians from 17 to 27 years old, in mainland China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. Chosen through highly competitive auditions held throughout the region, for rich and varied cultural and artistic experiences, intensive training and the opportunity to perform in some of the world's leading concert venues.

They are together for six weeks each summer, initially for a three week Rehearsal Camp, then to perform on tour for three weeks with major international solo artists and conductors. This year's tour will include 13 concerts in Hong Kong, Beijing, Tianjin, Shanghai, Xi'an, Taipei, Gunma, Sendai and Tokyo.

A staggering 20,000 musicians, ranging in age from 17 to 27, have auditioned for AYO. Those selected for the full scholarship program study with an exceptional artist-faculty of principal players from the Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Atlanta, National, San Francisco and Pittsburgh symphony orchestras, Brussels' Monnaie Opera, the Triple Helix Trio, and the Boston and Peabody conservatories.

## **About Kosmopolito Hotels International (KHI)**

Kosmopolito Hotels International Limited (KHI) is an Asia-based hotel group with hotels located in major cities throughout the region.

Listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, KHI (HKSE: 2266) currently operates 17 hotels including in Hong Kong, Shanghai, Wuhan, Kuala Lumpur, Labuan and Johor Bahru. An additional seven new hotels are being built around the region including in Singapore, Hong Kong, Zhongshan, Zhuji and Chengdu, as well as in London, KHI's first hotel property in the United Kingdom.

KHI owns and manages four key hotel brands — upscale Grand Dorsett, Boutique Series by Kosmopolito, midscale business hotel Dorsett Regency and value Silka Hotels.

For more information on KHI, visit: [www.kosmohotels.com](http://www.kosmohotels.com)

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