



## **GEG Continues Support for Typhoon Recovery, Visits Macau Red Cross to Discuss Disaster Preparedness Efforts**

**Macau, Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China, (November 6, 2017)** – Committed to providing continued support for the local community following the “8.23 Typhoon”, Galaxy Entertainment Group (“GEG”) has donated to several local non-profit organizations and social service units for recovery and development in the community. GEG representatives recently paid a visit to the Macau Red Cross (“MRC”), one of the beneficiaries of GEG’s typhoon relief donations, to discuss the organization’s Disaster Relief and Preparedness Project.

During the visit, MRC representatives, including Mr. Philip Chou, Vice President of Central Council, Mr. Quin Va, President of Directive Council, and Ms. Carmen Lei, Treasurer of Directive Council, held a discussion on Macau’s post-typhoon recovery efforts with Mr. William Yiu, Executive Director of the GEG Foundation, Ms. Catherine Lu, Assistant Vice President, Corporate and Community Relations and Ms. Linda Wong, Assistant Vice President, Media Relations of Public Relations, GEG.

The MRC representatives presented details of their Relief and Preparedness Project during the discussion, which includes setting up a 5,000-square-foot Disaster Preparedness Center for storing emergency response kits for families, household cleaning supply kits, blankets, clothing, tents and other disaster relief materials and equipment. The new center will improve disaster response capabilities and supplement existing equipment and relief supplies. Moreover, the MRC will build on its training programs for training for frontline staff and volunteers, inviting professional organizations to hold crisis management experience sharing sessions, provide them with psychological support training and sending teams overseas on specialized training in disaster response and lifesaving skills.

“This was the most powerful and destructive typhoon that hit Macau in over half a century. We witnessed the community unite together towards its recovery and came to realize how important it would be that we should all be prepared for the future,” Mr. William Yiu said. “GEG is pleased to be able to support a number of local non-profit entities, including the MRC, on emergency relief after the typhoon and rebuild for the future. We are very supportive of the MRC’s disaster relief and preparedness initiative as it is very important for community’s disaster preparedness and the safety of Macau’s residents.”

On behalf of the MRC, Mr. Philip Chou expressed gratitude for GEG’s MOP5.6 million donation. He said that the donation is important for the execution of the organization’s



disaster relief and preparedness work. According to Mr. Chou, the MRC plans to use the funds to set up a large-scale disaster preparedness center for Macau, increase its store of relief materials and equipment, as well as further strengthening the skills of its rescue and relief teams. He believes the plans will assist residents in becoming more prepared so as to prevent and minimize injuries and property damage from future incidents. “We would like to thank the GEG Foundation for their donation, making our Disaster Preparedness and Relief Project possible,” Mr. Chou remarked during GEG’s visit. “We will make the most of the donation to enhance the community’s disaster preparedness and relief capabilities.”

Following the typhoon, GEG announced it would donate MOP60 million to fund relief work in the community in helping its affected citizens, including GEG team members. The donation not only went towards immediate emergency relief, but is also allocated to help the community return to normalcy and rebuild for the future. To date, the GEG Foundation has provided funding assistance to over 20 non-profit organizations and social service groups in Macau, including the Macau Red Cross, the Macau Special Olympics, Caritas de Macau, the Fuhong Society of Macau, the General Union of Neighborhood Association of Macao, the Macau Federation of Trade Unions, the Women's General Association of Macau, etc., as well as other non-profit organizations referred by the Social Welfare Bureau, and through the introduction of the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau, to provide financial assistance to schools which suffered serious damages due to the typhoon and flooding.

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**Photo captions:**



P001: Representatives of GEG Foundation and GEG (three from the right) visited MRC and were warmly received by their executives (three from the left).



P002: During the visit, representatives of GEG Foundation and GEG held a discussion on MRC's Disaster Relief and Preparedness Project with its representatives.