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Press Release

Collection of Unique Auction Items to Go Under the Hammer at 9th FCC Charity Ball to Benefit the Children of the Po Leung Kuk

American Band 'Creedence Clearwater Revisited' to Continue a Tradition of World Class Entertainment at this Highlight of HK's Social Calendar

(Hong Kong, August 1st, 2010) – The 9th Foreign Correspondents' Club of Hong Kong (FCC) Annual Charity Ball has lined up an impressive collection of auction items to raise funds for the Po Leung Kuk/JP Morgan/FCC Language Training Program, the Po Leung Kuk/Merrill Lynch/FCC Children's Learning Centre, the Po Leung Kuk/UBS, FCC Child Welfare Centre and the Po Leung Kuk/Henrik Nielsen/FCC Scholarship Fund.

This year's much anticipated ball, which stars the American band Creedence Clearwater Revisited, featuring original members of the legendary 1970's group Creedence Clearwater Revival [CCR], will be held on Saturday, October 9th at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The annual live auction is always an exciting and well supported element of the ball as it is conducted by professional auctioneers who entertain and entice guests with an array of officially authenticated and valuable music, sports and movie memorabilia.

This year's bidders can look forward to owning a piece of music history with a rare electric guitar signed by the King of Pop, Michael Jackson, which also includes a hand-drawn self-portrait. There is also a signed album, "Electric Ladyland", by Jimi Hendrix, considered the greatest electric guitarist in the history of rock music, and Beatles and music fans of all ages will be thrilled to own the album, "White Album", signed by the iconic four----John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr.

Golfing *aficionados* will no doubt be outbidding each other for the chance to win a green blazer with the Masters tournament logo on the breast pocket and signed by Masters winners Tiger Woods, Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Gary Player, Tom Watson, Phil Mickelson, Nick Faldo and 23 other winners.



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Also up for auction is an Imperial (6 litre) bottle of 1999 Chateau Lafite Rothschild, a Chopard Happy Sport Ceramic Watch, a custom made dress from celebrity Hong Kong designer Barney Cheng, among other sensational items.

Most of the auction items can be viewed at the FCC Main Bar starting on September 6th. Anyone interested to participate in the auction but who will not be attending ball, can find out more about the procedure for outside bidding from Ms. Hoi-Lo Chan at: charitybal@fcchk.org

The ball will also raise funds thru 40 specially selected silent auction items that include luxurious vacation packages, jewelry and watches.

The FCC Annual Charity Ball is the major fundraising event of the FCC Charity Fund. It has raised more than HK\$28 million over the past eight years.

Together with partner sponsor, JP Morgan, the first language training centre was launched in 2004 to teach English and Putonghua to the 300 children in residence at the Po Leung Kuk headquarters in Causeway Bay.

The Po Leung Kuk/JP Morgan/FCC Language Training Program (LTP) developed a unique teaching style that includes interactive reading, storytelling, cooking, singing and computer classes that make learning a foreign language easy and fun for the children. The principal of the school in Causeway Bay said she knows when students are attending the LTP because they can think in English.

The Po Leung Kuk/Merrill Lynch/Foreign Correspondents' Club Children's Learning Centre (CLC) and the Po Leung Kuk/UBS/FCC Child Welfare Centre was set up last year in Lei Muk Shue to service the estates in that area. The centre is very popular with the residents and has 170 children under its care. "My son King Yin has made good progress and now he is able to do English homework on his own. He has improved on speaking & communication," said King Yin's mother.

The FCC Charity Fund has awarded university scholarships to 65 students from Hong Kong's low-income families through The Po Leung Kuk/Henrik Nielsen/FCC Scholarship Fund. Currently, there are 27 scholars attending university; 38 scholars have graduated, are employed and actively contributing members of the society.



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Ms. Mandy Fung, who was in the first batch of scholars, graduated from the University of Hong Kong with a Bachelor of Law and Postgraduate in Laws in 2008. Said Mandy, "In the summer vacations of 2004 and 2006, I was referred by the FCC Scholarship Fund to Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe for 2-month internships, I was then offered a contract to be a trainee solicitor with the firm. Mandy's traineeship will end next month when she will become a qualified solicitor, practicing commercial litigation with prestigious global law firm Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe .

In line with the ball's reputation for world-class entertainment, this year's featured performer is Creedence Clearwater Revisited, comprising two original members of the legendary group Creedence Clearwater Revival (CCR) as well as Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees, rhythm section, Stu Cook (bass) and Doug "Cosmo" Clifford (drums). Since Creedence Clearwater Revisited formed in 1995, the band has wowed audiences with famous worldwide CCR hits such like "Proud Mary", "Susie Q", "Lodi", "Down on the Corner", "Fortunate Son" and "Who'll Stop the Rain", songs that are staples of radio, TV and movie soundtracks.

Tickets for this year's ball are selling fast!! Priced at HK\$1,998 they include pre-dinner cocktails, four-course gourmet dinner with wine and an unforgettable night with Creedence Clearwater Revisited. All drinks are free courtesy of the charity ball's generous wine and liquor sponsors.

To reserve tickets, please contact the FCC on Tel. (852) 2521 1511 or email Hoi-Lo Chan at charityball@fcchk.org.

The FCC Charity Fund welcomes donations in cash or kind and these can be channeled thru Ms. Mireya Garcia at mayahk@gmail.com. Online donations are also accepted at <http://www.poleungkuk.org.hk/plk/index.aspx?id=20070813124451&lang=e>. To receive more information about the fund-raising activities of the FCC Charity Fund and its work with Po Leung Kuk, please visit <http://www.fcchkcharityfund.com> or the Po Leung Kuk web site at www.poleungkuk.org.hk

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