

<u>"THE ART OF BAMBOO" Inclusive Exhibition and Workshop at</u> <u>GalaxyArt to Promote Social Inclusion</u>

March 17, 2022 – Committed to contributing to the betterment of the local community, Galaxy Entertainment Group ("GEG") promotes cultural and arts exchanges by supporting and participating in various activities. In celebration of the World Hearing Day and the World Down Syndrome Day in March, GEG invited members from the Macau Association of the Hearing Impaired ("MAHI") and the Macau Down Syndrome Association ("MDSA"), and their families, for a visit to "THE ART OF BAMBOO: from Qilin to Contemporary Art" exhibition ("THE ART OF BAMBOO") that is currently being held in the GalaxyArt at Galaxy Macau[™], and to participate in its extended program – the "Night Lamp DIY" Workshop. Through these activities, GEG hopes to enhance the exchanges of people with special needs through culture and arts, as well as promoting the spirit of care and inclusion in the community.

GEG arranged a guided exhibition tour for the participants where docents from GalaxyArt explained to them the exhibition's objectives and the story behind each of the exhibit items so that they can better understand the intangible cultural heritage. Following the tour, GEG invited them to take part in a craft workshop held by GalaxyArt, where the participants created their own unique night lamps with bamboo strips and paper, in hopes of sharing the joy of creating bamboo crafts and allowing the participants to experience the traditional Chinese culture in an interesting and relaxing way. In particular, breaking through the communication barrier, the GalaxyArt docents greeted the MAHI members with sign languages. Moreover, parents of MDSA members were encouraged to join the bamboo craft workshop and to indulge in a pleasant parent-child moment with their children.

Mrs. Kou, one of the participating parents, said, "We thank GEG for organizing these activities that teach our children about the traditional bamboo artworks and give them the chance to make their own bamboo crafts under the guidance of their staff. We have been invited to GEG's other cultural and arts activities before and all these activities have helped increase our children's interests in culture and arts in different ways." "THE ART OF BAMBOO" features exquisite bamboo artworks by Hong Kong artist Mr. Louis To. The exhibition is open to the public for free, and includes docent-led guided tours. To cultivate young generation's insights and interests in bamboo artworks, the exhibition also provides visitors and local schools with "Night Lamp DIY" Parent-Child Workshops and exhibition tours through the special School Activities Program.

Upholding its corporate citizenship pledge of "Community at Heart, Empathy in Action", GEG has been facilitating the cultural and arts development of Macau whilst delivering care to different sectors of the community, in hopes of reinforcing their engagement in related activities through various opportunities. In the past, GEG also



invited MDSA members to enjoy the "GEG hush! kids" stage at the "hush! 2021 Concerts", as well as different social services association groups to the exhibitions held at GalaxyArt. Furthermore, through its "GEG Venue Partnership Pilot Program", GEG has been offering dedicated support to various social services organizations on hosting a wide array of cultural and arts activities at Broadway Macau[™], and providing multiple performance and exchange opportunities to enrich Macau's cultural and arts offerings. Moving forward, GEG will continue to fulfil its pledge by spreading care across the community and contribute to the building of an inclusive and harmonious Macau.

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Photo Captions



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