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**Rotary Club of Macau Bringing Gifts of Love and Joy to Special Needs Friends at its 16th Annual Christmas Party**

Rotary Club of Macau hosted the 16th annual “Joy to the Wrld X’mas Night” at The Venetian Macao on Friday, December 11 for 800 children with special needs and their families. This year’s event is co-hosted with The Macau Association for the Mentally Handicapped with co-organizers: Fuhong Society of Macau, Macau Special Olympics and Parents Association for the Mentally Handicapped with Sands China Ltd. as the Major Sponsor.

“Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year to give gifts. This year, the Rotary theme is ‘Be a Gift to the World’ wherever and whenever we can serve those in need with our hands and hearts. I am deeply touched by the amazingly talented performances by the associations’ service users and to see pride on every parent’s face. ”, said Elizabete Fong, President of Rotary Club of Macau. Gloria Ma, Executive Director of The Macau Association for the Mentally Handicapped thanked Rotary Club of Macau for organizing this meaningful party for 16 years for people in need to enjoy the joyful Christmas, and the number of participants is growing each year with over 800 participants this year. Gene Capuano, Vice President of Convention & Exhibition Operations of Venetian Macau Limited, said the company was pleased to sponsor this Rotary party since 2010, and he looked forward to continue serving the local community together with Rotary Club of Macau in future.

The party was highlighted by a major entertaining act ‘Under the Bright Sunny Sky’ where the mentally-handicapped friends from the four associations joined together to perform with sign language, magic show, solo and ensemble singing. Two Santa Clauses made their appearance for happy photo-taking with the children and guests. In addition, Sands China Ltd. specially arranged an amazing cast of Streetmosphere to welcome the children and the whole hall was decked with Minions characters even on the buffet table. Each guest received a special gift sponsored by Sands China at the end of the event.

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