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FPI MAKES DISNEY DREAM COME TRUE FOR MPS SUFFERER

Takes its first step to support grassroots charities

[JAKARTA, DECEMBER 1, 2006] Financial Partners International (FPI) took its first step in what will be an ongoing campaign to support needy causes with the donation of an all-expenses paid trip to Disneyland for the young sufferer of a rare disease and his family.

Hong Kong-born Lik-san Ma, 14, suffers from the rare incurable genetic disease mucopolysaccharidoses (MPS), which stunts growth and can cause blindness. Most tragically, MPS sufferers usually do not survive past their mid-20s. On learning it was the family's wish to spend time traveling together before Lik-san's health deteriorates, FPI CEO Jason Blick felt compelled to provide them with their dream ticket to Disneyland in Tokyo.

"I wanted to go to Japan since I was very young, I feel very excited," said Lik-san on being presented with the tickets at FPI's Hong Kong office on December 1, 2006.

"It's also been my dream since I was a young boy," said Lik-san's father, who will accompany his son to Disneyland for Christmas along with his wife and daughter. "Today proves that dreams do come true. It's very important for us to do this as a family now because we do not know if Lik-san's health will be as good tomorrow as it is today."

The five-day all-expenses paid trip to Disneyland is just the beginning of what Blick says is FPI's moral obligation to give back to those less fortunate. "FPI has pledged to commit 5% of its profit or billable time to charity," says Blick. "As a company that helps corporations and individuals achieve their personal and financial goals, we intend to use our resources to help those less fortunate do the same."

FPI is currently planning its first double charity ball – one party, two venues – held simultaneously in Hong Kong and Dubai this February to raise money for a variety of yet-to-be-announced charitable causes. FPI is also planning to sponsor an expedition to the North Pole this March to raise money for leukemia sufferers and the Children's Hope Foundation.

“The charities FPI will work with will be referred by our advisers and our clients,” explains Blick. “FPI is fundamentally a people business and our philanthropic intent mirrors this focus. We want to do work at a grassroots level – literally going direct to the source and through smaller organisations rather than larger charities that already benefit from high exposure.”

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Company profile

Financial Partners International (FPI), one of the largest offshore financial services companies in the Middle East and Asia-Pacific region, was formed in June 2002 following the merger of six well-established independent financial advisers and wealth managers. FPI went on to further strengthen its position in offshore services with its licensing in Australia. In May 2006, FPI expanded its global capabilities through a joint venture with Padmakshi Ltd. in India, forming FPI-Padmakshi and opening two offices.

FPI is a leading-edge provider of integrated balance sheet management services, with more than 100 qualified advisers, of which 15 are wealth managers, delivering client-driven financial planning and wealth management solutions. To achieve this international standard of service, FPI has built an integrated business, providing retirement planning, wealth creation, trust advice, tax efficiency and estate planning, and investment advice including property and alternative investments.

FPI has offices in Bali, Bangkok, Dubai, Hong Kong, Jakarta, Kuala Lumpur, Mumbai, Shanghai and Tokyo.