

**The University of Hong Kong – New World Group
Business Executive Students (“BEST”) Programme 2016-2017
Graduation Ceremony (26 April 2017)**

Speech by Ms. Leonie Ki, Executive Director, New World Development Company Limited (3 minutes)

Mr Douglas So, Dr Eugenie Leung, Mr Stephen Leung, Guests, Fellow Colleagues, Students, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you for inviting me to be here, and thank you, Douglas, for those warm, and thoughtful words of welcome.

Today marks a very happy occasion because you have completed the HKU-New World Group Business Executive Students Programme that is - the “BEST” Programme. I know that every one of you have spent 10 weeks on lectures and site visits to get to know New World’s diversifying business portfolio, and how challenging it is for us to manage it. You have also learned our management philosophy as well as our unique brand personality – The Artisanal Movement – and how these elements drive the success of a brand like New World. So, congratulations to you all. You are NOT literally the BEST, you are indeed the best!

May I thank my fellow colleagues and all business partners who have contributed tremendous support in delivering this bespoke Programme. I am excited to see how the BEST Programme has expanded in the last few years. With the formal establishment of BEST Alumni Club this year, I trust that our bonding will flourish and we will continue to influence each other in our professional development.

With these few words may I once again wish our graduating students all the very best in your future endeavors. I hope you will remember New World Group as one of your important milestones in your tertiary education and career planning, and I look forward to seeing some of you in our New World family in the near future.

Thank you very much.