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**Chevalier Construction Wins Contract
to Build International Wetland Park**

(Hong Kong , MAY 22, 2003) Chevalier (Construction) Company Limited ("CCCL"), subsidiary of the Chevalier Construction Holdings Limited, recently won an Architectural Services Department contract to build the International Wetland Park. CCCL will be responsible for all the associated building service installations, drainage works, utility connection and pavement works.

The International Wetland Park is located in the northern part of Tin Shui Wai, New Territories. It covers a total area of 64 hectares (64,000 sq. metres), and is designated as one of the Millennium Projects of the HKSAR government. Its aim is to provide a facility for Hong Kong people to observe the wetlands and natural scenery around the Mai Po Marches Nature Reserve and Hau Hoi Wan. An existing exhibition centre at the entrance of the Park is already in use, whereas the remaining construction work is divided into four portions to be completed by CCCL in 18 months from April 2003.

Portion 1 consists of the construction of a two-storey, 10,000 sq. m. visitor center which will house three galleries, a lecture hall, office, a resource centre, play area, cafes and a maintenance workshop. Portion 1 will encompass a site area of 34,700 sq. m.

Portion 2 will include the construction of a satellite building, bird screens and pavilions. A series of different gardens will also be constructed, with simulated rock works, waterfalls, water ponds, feature footpaths and boardwalks. Portions 3 and 4 will entail alteration and addition works to the existing exhibition centre.

Upon completion, the International Wetland Park will become an important ecological tourist attraction spot in Hong Kong embodying conservation, education and recreation in one place. Besides demonstrating the diversity of Hong Kong's wetland, the Park lets visitors learn about wetland conservation in an enjoyable environment. It will bring long term benefits to Hong Kong not only through enhancing local people's ecological knowledge, but also by adding to the city's attraction as a world-class tourist destination.

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