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Press Release

Urban Group receives ERB Employer Merit Award

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Urban Group recently received the Employer Merit Award in the 2nd Manpower Development Scheme Award Presentation of the Employees Retraining Board (ERB) for the second consecutive year.

The Manpower Development Scheme Award is an annual event of ERB aiming to recognize outstanding retraining students, dedicated employers and partnering training organizations who actively support and participate in the ERB Manpower Development Scheme.

Ms Janna Cheng, Senior Group Manager - Human Capital reveals, “Urban Group has been a long term partner of ERB. We actively support its retraining programmes over the past years. Apart from providing employment opportunities for its graduates, we also contribute our comments and suggestions on the contents and development of the training programmes so as to enhance the skills and employability of the retrainees.”

Urban Group has been working closely with ERB since 1999. The Group has jointly organized various courses on property management and security services with ERB and employed a large number of the graduated retraining students. Urban was awarded the “Employers God Star Award – Platinum Award” in 2003 and received the “Employers Gold Star Award” in 2004. Besides, the Group has received Employer Merit Award in 2001, 2006 and 2008 respectively, showing its contributions to Hong Kong’s manpower development.

Ms Janna Cheng continues, “Urban Group has proven experiences in real estate and facility management services in Hong Kong. We are the first real estate and facility services group to re-define the labour relations in the industry through introducing the concept of Human Capital. We value our 3,000 staff members as our Quality Working Partners, emphasizing mutual trust and teamwork. We received the Best Employers in Asia in 2005. In June 2008, we received the ‘Best Change Management Practices Award’ in the HR Awards Hong Kong 2008, which enables us to maintain our competitive edge over our competitors in the human capital market to help attract and retain talented people.”

Urban Group, a member of NWS Holdings Limited (Hong Kong Stock Code: 659), is one of the leading Real Estate and Facility Management Services Groups in Hong Kong. Currently, the Group manages 230 projects territory-wide and serving 1 million people in Hong Kong.

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Ms Janna Cheng, Senior Group Manager-Human Capital of Urban Group (3rd from left) receives the “Employer Merit Award” from Mr Paul Tang, JP, Permanent Secretary for Labour and Welfare.

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