

## **Executive Directors**

Mr. Lai Chee Ying, Jimmy, 55 Chairman

Mr. Lai has been a Director and Chairman of the Company since October 1999 and December 1999 respectively, and is responsible for formulating the Group's corporate strategies. Before establishing *Next Magazine* in March 1990, Mr. Lai had a distinguished 30-year career in the local garment industry, setting up and running the hugely successful Giordano manufacturing and retail chain. In recent years, Mr. Lai has added several other popular titles to his stable of publications. They include *Easy Finder* (September 1991), *Apple Daily* (June 1995), *Sudden Weekly* (August 1995) and *Eat & Travel Weekly* (July 1997). In October 1997, Mr. Lai underlined his commitment to the newspaper printing business with the establishment of Apple Daily Printing Limited.

Mr. Ting Ka Yu, Stephen, 45

Mr. Ting joined Apple Daily Limited in December 1997 as Chief Financial Officer. A Director of the Company since October 1999, he oversees the Group's finance, administration, human resources and various support departments. Mr. Ting is also in charge of the Printing Division in Hong Kong. During the course of his career, Mr. Ting has worked with a leading audit firm in both Hong Kong and Australia. He has also held senior financial and management positions with a variety of leading companies and listed groups. The holder of a B.A (Economics) degree from the Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia, Mr. Ting is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia.

Mr. Ip Yut Kin, 52

A Director of the Company since November 2001, Mr. Ip joined *Apple Daily* as Deputy Editor-in-Chief in 1995 and was promoted to Editor-in-Chief the following year. In February 2002, Mr. Ip was appointed Apple Daily Limited's Chief Executive Officer. In October of that same year, he became Chief Executive Officer of Apple Daily Publication Development Limited where his responsibilities include overseeing the operation of *Taiwan Apple Daily*. A Bachelor of Social Sciences degree (Journalism) graduate of the National Chengchi University of Taiwan, Mr. Ip has worked with many leading Hong Kong newspapers over 22 years in his long journalistic career.

Mr. Tung Chuen Cheuk, 62

A Director of the Company since June 2003, Mr. Tung joined *Apple Daily* as Associate Publisher in January 1998 and was promoted to the position of Publisher in May 1999. In July 2002, Mr. Tung was appointed as Chairman of *Apple Daily* (Hong Kong and Taiwan). A graduate of Taiwan Provincial Cheng Kung University, Mr. Tung holds a Bachelor of Arts degree. His long and distinguished media career includes spells with BBC London, *Reader's Digest* and *Ming Pao*.

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## **Independent Non-executive Directors**

Mr. Yeh V-nee, 45

A qualified US attorney-at-law, Mr. Yeh became a Director of the Company in January 2000. Following his graduation from Columbia University's School of Law in the USA, Mr. Yeh was admitted as a member of the California Bar Association in 1984. Mr. Yeh is a co-founder of Value Partners Limited and VP Private Equity Limited and sits on a number of prominent committees. They include The Listing Committee of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited, The Takeovers & Mergers Panel and The Takeovers Appeals Committee of the Securities & Futures Commission. Mr. Yeh is also the Chairman of Hsin Chong Construction Group Limited and Chairman of Argyle Street Management Limited, a boutique distressed asset management firm which manages funds worth some US\$150 million.

Mr. Fok Kwong Hang, Terry, 49

A Director of the Company since June 2000, Mr. Fok holds both M.Sc. and MBA degrees from the University of Wisconsin, USA. Mr. Fok has 20 years' experience in the securities industry and is currently the owner of T & F Research Limited.

Dr. Kao Kuen, Charles, 70

Dr. Kao became a Director of the Company in November 2003. He is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of ITX Services Limited and sits on a number of advisory committees to the Government of the Hong Kong SAR. An early pioneer of optical fiber communications, Dr. Kao holds a Ph.D. from the University of London and served as Vice Chancellor of the Chinese University of Hong Kong between October 1987 and July 1996. Over the years, Dr. Kao has won many prestigious international honors and awards. They include the Stewart Ballantine Medal, Rank Prize, L.M. Ericsson International Prize, Alexander Graham Bell Medal, Marconi International Fellowship, Faraday Medal of IEE, the Japan Prize and the Charles Stark Draper Prize.

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## **Senior Management**

Mr. Cheung Kim Hung, 42

Mr. Cheung has been Chief Executive Officer of the Group's Magazine Division since November 2001. He began his career with *Next Magazine* as Editor in 1991 and was promoted to Editor-in-Chief in 1994. A Journalism and Communications graduate of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Mr. Cheung has had a 20-year journalistic career and was the Senior News Editor of a leading Hong Kong newspaper before joining *Next Magazine*.

Mr. Tu Nien Chung, James, 52

*Taiwan Apple Daily's* Publisher since March 2003, Mr. Tu graduated from National Taiwan University with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He also holds a Master's Degree in Political Science from Columbia University, USA. Mr. Tu has extensive experience in journalism both in the United States and Taiwan.

Mr. Chow Tat Kuen, Royston, 46

The Group's Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Chow joined Next Media Magazines Limited in May 1993 as Financial Controller. Mr. Chow holds both Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Commerce from the University of New South Wales, Australia. He is also a member of CPA Australia and The Hong Kong Society of Accountants. Prior to joining Next Media Magazines Limited, Mr. Chow held senior management accounting positions with several leading financial institutions in Hong Kong and Australia.

Mr. Loo Cheung Ling, Alvis, 51

Mr. Loo joined Apple Daily Limited as Production Director in 1994. He was appointed as Chief Operating Officer of the Group's printing operations in December 2003. Mr. Loo has over 30 years' experience in prepress production and printing operations in the advertising and publishing industries. Many industry leaders who have benefited from Mr. Loo's expertise over the years include *South China Morning Post*, Fortune (Far East) Limited and Emphasis (HK) Limited in Hong Kong and The Arts House Design and Printing Group in Canada.

Ms. Lee Yuen Mei, Janis, 39

Ms. Lee joined Next Media Magazines Limited as Corporate Affairs Manager in 1995 and was appointed Company Secretary of the Group in October 1999. Ms. Lee possesses extensive company secretarial experience with both listed and non-listed companies in Hong Kong and holds a Professional Diploma in Company Secretaryship & Administration from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. She is also an associate member of both The Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators and The Hong Kong Institute of Company Secretaries.