

directors and senior management

executive directors

Mr. Lai Chee Ying, Jimmy 57 Chairman

Mr. Lai has been the Company's Chairman since 1999, and he is responsible for formulating the Group's corporate strategies. Prior to founding his publishing business in 1990, Mr. Lai had a distinguished 30-year career in the local garment industry, establishing and running the hugely successful Giordano manufacturing and retail chain. Mr. Lai entered the media industry by launching *Next Magazine* in March 1990, and he subsequently added several other popular titles to his stable of publications, including *Easy Finder* (September 1991), *Apple Daily* (June 1995), *Sudden Weekly* (August 1995) and *Eat & Travel Weekly* (July 1997). In recent years, Mr. Lai has extended the boundaries of the Group's operations from Hong Kong to Taiwan by launching *Taiwan Next Magazine* (May 2001) and *Taiwan Apple Daily* (May 2003).

Mr. Ting Ka Yu, Stephen 47

Mr. Ting joined Apple Daily Limited as Chief Financial Officer in December 1997, and he became a Director of the Company and the Chief Financial Officer of the Group in October 1999. Mr. Ting oversees the Group's finance, administration, human resources and various support departments, as well as its Printing Division in Hong Kong. In November 2003, Mr. Ting was also appointed as the Group's Chief Operating Officer. 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 Bachelor of Economics degree from Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia, Mr. Ting is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia.

Mr. Ip Yut Kin 54

A Director of the Company since November 2001, Mr. Ip joined *Apple Daily* as Deputy Editor-in-Chief in 1995, and he was promoted to Editor-in-Chief the following year. In February 2002, Mr. Ip was appointed as Apple Daily Limited's Chief Executive Officer. In October of the same year, he became Chief Executive Officer of Apple Daily Publication Development Limited, where his responsibilities include overseeing the operations of *Taiwan Apple Daily*. A graduate of the National Chengchi University of Taiwan with a Bachelor of Social Sciences (Journalism) degree, Mr. Ip has worked with many leading Hong Kong newspapers during his long journalistic career, which has spanned more than 29 years.

Mr. Tung Chuen Cheuk 64

A Director of the Company since June 2003, Mr. Tung joined *Apple Daily* as Associate Publisher in January 1998, and he was promoted to the position of Publisher in May 1999. In July 2002, Mr. Tung was appointed 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 has included spells with the BBC in London, *Reader's Digest* and *Ming Pao*.

independent non-executive directors

Mr. Yeh V-Nee 47

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. He is a co-founder of Value Partners Limited and VP Private Equity Limited, and he sits on a number of prominent committees. These 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 of Argyle Street Management Limited, a US\$500-million Asian distressed asset management firm.

Mr. Fok Kwong Hang, Terry 51

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

Dr. Kao Kuen, Charles 72

Dr. Kao became a Director of the Company in November 2003. He is also the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of ITX Services Limited, and he has sat on a number of advisory committees to the Government of the Hong Kong SAR. The pioneer of optical fibre 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 honours and awards. These include the Stewart Ballantine Medal, Rank Prize, L.M. Ericsson International Prize, Alexander Graham Bell Medal, Marconi International Fellowship, Faraday Medal of the IEE, Japan Prize and Charles Stark Draper Prize.

senior management

Mr. Hong Siu Fan, Allen 47

The Chief Executive Officer of the Group's Magazine Division since March 2005, Mr. Hong joined *Next Magazine* as its Art Director in December 1989, and he was promoted to Art Director of the Group's Magazine Division in January 2002. Mr. Hong holds a Higher Diploma in Graphic Communication from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University. He is a full member of the Hong Kong Designers Association (Graphics Category) and a member of The Chartered Society of Designers.

Mr. Tu Nien Chung, James 54

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 48

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

Mr. Loo Cheung Ling, Alvis 53

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

Mr. Peir Woei 45

Mr. Peir joined *Taiwan Next Magazine* in March 2001 as Editor-in-Chief, and he became the Publisher of *Taiwan Next Magazine* in March 2005. Prior to joining *Taiwan Next Magazine*, Mr. Peir had more than 13 years of experience in journalism. He graduated from National Taiwan Ocean University with a Bachelor's degree in Marine Transportation.

Ms. Wong Shuk Ha, Cat 40

Ms. Wong joined the Group as Company Secretary in July 2004. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Accountancy from The City University of Hong Kong, a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of London, and a Master's degree in Management from the Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia. Ms. Wong is an associate member of both The Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators and The Hong Kong Institute of Chartered Secretaries. Prior to joining the Group, she worked with various listed companies on corporate compliance and corporate finance.