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Shanghai Industrial and Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine Set Up R&D Centre

(September 22, 1999, Shanghai) Shanghai Industrial Holdings Limited ("SIHL") entered into an agreement with Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine to jointly set up in Shanghai a modernised research and development centre for Chinese medicine. The centre will specialise in the research and development, and commercialisation of research findings on Chinese medicine, with focus on both developing new medicines and the secondary development of traditional formulae.

The agreement has also entitled the new R&D centre the first right of refusal to acquire R&D projects carried out by Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine.

SIHL Chairman Cai Lai Xing said that the company has been focusing on developing pharmaceutical businesses including Chinese medicine and bio-medicine. In the area of Chinese medicine, the company is speeding up the development of new products and new markets, leveraging on the strength of medical research and production facilities at its subsidiary Hangzhou Qingchunbao Pharmaceutical. The co-operation with Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine will benefit both parties. On the one hand, it will speed up the University's progress in commercialising its research and development findings; on the other hand, it will strengthen Shanghai Industrial's research and development capabilities in Chinese medicine, according to Mr Cai.

Established in 1956, Shanghai University of Traditional Chinese Medicine was among the first batch of institutes of Chinese medicine set up after the founding of the People's Republic of China. It has continued its efforts in developing traditional Chinese medicine over the past 43 years and now it becomes one of the country's key centres for medical education, therapy and research and development. The University has over 6,000 staff, teachers and students. Together with the Shanghai Municipal Research Institute of Chinese Medicine, the University has a research and development team of more than 700 members, including over 400 professional researchers. Since the 1980's, the University has won more than 300 provincial-level awards in recognition of the success of its R&D projects. Among them are the second and third prize of the National Advanced Technology Awards.

SIHL is a listed company on the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong with 17 companies engaged in consumer product manufacturing and sales (cigarettes, printing, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals, dairy products), commercial retail (department store), automotive parts, high technology products (telecommunications equipment) and infrastructure investment (city roadways). It is also a constituent stock of the Hang Seng Index. Its turnover and profit attributable to shareholders for the year in 1998 were HK\$3.558 billion and HK\$1.154 billion respectively.

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