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**Hongkong Land Unveils *Forces of Nature* Exhibition at Exchange Square  
Showcase of works by leading local artists explores the natural world**

HONG KONG, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2010 - Leading CENTRAL developer Hongkong Land today celebrated the launch of a new art exhibition, *Forces of Nature*, at Exchange Square. Themed on the beauty of the natural world, it features contributions from five Hong Kong artists - Caroline Cheng, Kum Chi Keung, Man Fung-yi, Mok Yat-san and Tony Ng - working in a variety of materials and subject matter.

Mr Y K Pang, Chief Executive of Hongkong Land said, “*Forces of Nature* is an exploration of places and phenomena many of us in Hong Kong don’t get to see often in our daily lives. Happily, these five artists have lent their considerable creative abilities to help reconnect us with the spaces beyond the city.”

Each artist has contributed works that convey their meditations on the earth, its elements and natural environment. **Caroline Cheng**, one of Asia’s leading figures in the ceramic arts, has submitted her clothing and ornament series *bat+clothes=bliss*. It features 8,000 ceramic butterflies stitched on an ancient Chinese robe to express her views of China and to symbolise the beauty and elegance of nature.

**Kum Chi Keung**’s works reflect Chinese culture and life in Hong Kong. Kum often works with bamboo - a symbol of longevity - and he adopted the classic Chinese birdcage with its characteristic hook as his trademark after years of visiting the Bird Market. In recent years he came to add human elements to his birdcage installations.

**Man Fung-yi**’s inspiration for the works exhibited in *Forces of Nature* is the I-Ching, which states that stillness and silence is the way of the universe. Man uses calabashes, leaves and seeds as her blueprint, piercing materials like stainless steel and brass or rendering them in the form of knitted thread connecting light and space to convey both unyieldingness and suppleness.

**Mok Yat-san**’s otherworldly sculptures are inspired by his first artistic passions: Chinese ink and landscape painting. Rocks and their interaction with water have become a favourite theme. For *Forces of Nature* he has contributed his series *Borrowed Stones*, which incorporates bronze, steel and iron to depict towering, or even melting stones as testament to the power of nature.

**Tony Ng** is a contemporary Chinese painting artist who also frequently explores his personal experiences, cultural perspectives, and changes in our society and environment through sculptures and installations. Ng has contributed his *Lab Study Series* and *Diaries of Clouds Series*, two nature-inspired works that combine a number of materials and artistic approaches, to this exhibition.

Mr Pang added, “Hongkong Land buildings are the permanent homes of some of the most important works in the city, and they also serve as venues for temporary exhibitions that we hope capture the attention and imagination of shoppers and commuters. To stroll through CENTRAL is to experience a series of works, sculptures and installations that demonstrate Hong Kong’s growing relationship with - and fondness for - the world of art. We hope everyone enjoys experiencing nature through the lens of these five talented artists.”

*Forces of Nature* is on display at The Rotunda at Exchange Square in CENTRAL through 30<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

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**Photo Caption:**

Five Hong Kong artists and the officiating guests perform the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the launch of *Forces of Nature* Exhibition. *Forces of Nature* is on display at The Rotunda at Exchange Square in CENTRAL through 30<sup>th</sup> April 2010.

Standing left to right were: Mr. James Robinson, Executive Director of Hongkong Land; Mr. Mok Yat-san, Ms. Man Fung-yi, Mr. Mark Whitehead, Executive Director of Hongkong Land, Ms. Caroline Cheng, Mr. Kum Chi Keung and Mr. Tony Ng.