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***Women of Influence Conference Honors Three Hong Kong Women
and one Hong Kong Corporation for High Achievement***

*Moira Moser, Catherine Weir and Dr. Winnie S.M. Tang Rank Winners
as “Women of Influence”*

General Electric Company Awarded for Enlightened Management

HONG KONG, October 6, 2004 –Three women and one corporation were recognized for their personal and professional achievements and enlightened management, by a jury of top professionals at the Hong Kong Women of Influence Conference and Awards Ceremony held today at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. Organized by the American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong, the half-day conference and awards ceremony were attended by distinguished guests including, Rosemary Howard, Chief Executive, TelstraClearLtd, New Zealand and Dr. Rosanna Wong, DBE. JP, Chair of Education Commission of HK SAR Government and Executive Director of the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups.

The awards seek to recognize and honor the best that Hong Kong has produced and to provide inspiration to others. Nominations to the awards were received during August and September 2004, and a panel of five judges: Steven John DeKrey, Associate Dean of HKUST and AmCham Vice President; the Hon Sophie Leung, Chairperson, Women's Commission; James Haybyrne, Chairman of Strategic Thinking Group; Victor Chiu, Victor Chiu Tsang & Partners Solicitors and AmCham Governor; and Camille M Tang, Executive Director, Harvard Business School Asia Pacific Research Centre, decided the winners.



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“Hong Kong is a vibrant, international city and active part of Greater China’s amazing development. Our city and the region, is filled with successful, inspirational women who are contributing in many different ways. Our awards showcase these accomplished individuals and provide role models for women finding the path for their careers,” said Jan De Silva, Chair of the Conference and Awards Planning Committee. “Our judging committee faced the challenging task of selecting winners from a field of top caliber nominees. We are delighted to congratulate Catherine, Moira and Winnie as our Individual winners and GE as our Best Company for Women.”

INFORMATION ON THE 2004 CATEGORIES AND WINNERS

Individual award winners were short listed based on recent accomplishments in three areas.

- Professional and Entrepreneurial Accomplishments - reflecting the individual's level of achievement within their company, industry and economic region, ethical business behavior, strong corporate governance and special professional expertise;
- Advocacy, Power and Influence – reflecting nominees’ impact and success with respect to advocacy and mentoring for women, and commitment to Asian business development;
- Community Involvement and Responsibility – reflecting nominees’ commitment to environmental responsibility.

Moira Moser, Managing Director, M Moser Associates Limited, was named Entrepreneur of the Year, for her outstanding achievements in running her own businesses, entrepreneurial vision and courage.

Catherine Weir, Head of Greater China Citigroup Global Corporate & Investment Bank, was named Professional of the Year, for her success in becoming an influential and leading practitioner in her field.



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Dr. Winnie S.M. Tang, Chief Executive Officer, ESRI China (Hong Kong) Limited, was named Young Achiever of the Year, for her inspirational business success in software development.

"As our society and lives become more complex we need strong, consistent leaders in all professions. This year's Women of Influence winners are living examples of the success that comes from the ability to set challenging goals, persist in achieving those goals, and always being optimistic. While they had achievements of their own, their greatest contribution was their inspiration to other women and men to achieve their own dreams", said Mr James Haybyrne, member of the judging committee.

The winning organization was selected based on recent accomplishments in three categories –

- Women's Professional and Entrepreneurial Accomplishments - reflecting the level of achievement of women within the company.
- Advocacy, Power and Influence – reflecting the company's commitment to advocacy for women, enabling personal and professional growth, and commitment to Asian business development.
- Innovation in Supporting Work Life Balance – reflecting the nominee's creativity and innovation in supporting the development of women in business.

General Electric Company won the enlightened management category due to its efforts in promoting the professional development of its female staff and provision of innovative work/life programs enabling women to pursue their careers.



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ASIA'S MOST SUCCESSFUL WOMEN SPEAK ABOUT CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The half-day conference featured women who have achieved inspirational success in their chosen fields, including some of the most successful women from Hong Kong and overseas. The speakers addressed over 200 conference participants on some of the key gender-related issues at the workplace and what it took for them to achieve success.

The dynamic speakers included Rosemary Howard, Chief Executive, TelstraClearLtd, New Zealand; and Dr. Rosanna Wong, DBE. JP, Chair of Education Commission of HK SAR Government and Executive Director of the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups; as well as some of Hong Kong's leading women: Celina Chan, MSN Regional Director, Information Services Management, Microsoft Corporation; Nancy Ku, Managing Director – Asia Pacific, GE Equity; Elaine Leung, Founder and CEO of Paddyfield.com; Jessica Ng, CEO of Jessica Publications Ltd/South China Media Ltd. Speakers shared their insights on women today's work environment, strategies for reaching the next level in their careers and personal life and some of secrets behind their success.

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About AmCham:

The American Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong is a non-partisan, non-profit business organization. Established in 1969, its mission is to foster commerce among the United States of America, Hong Kong and mainland China and to enhance Hong Kong's stature as an international business center. The chamber, with more than 2,000 corporate and individual members, espouses core values such as private enterprise, free trade, rule of law, ethical and responsible business practices, business and government transparency and the free flow of information.

About *Women of Influence* Conference and Awards:

This half-day conference features several of Hong Kong's most powerful women, as well as distinguished speakers from abroad who provide valuable insight on the issues and opportunities facing working women today. The awards will honor three professional women for personal achievement and one corporation for enlightened management. Each award - Entrepreneur of the Year, Professional of the Year, Young Achiever of the Year and Best Company for Women - will be presented at a special awards luncheon that also will mark the conclusion of the conference.