

## Press Conference for "FIVB Volleyball World Grand Prix™ Macau 2012 presented by Galaxy Entertainment Group" 8 Players Compete for "My Favorite Galaxy Star Player" Award

June 7, 2012 – Presented by Galaxy Entertainment Group ("GEG") and organized by the Macau Sport Development Board and the Volleyball Association of Macao, the "FIVB Volleyball World Grand Prix™ Macau 2012" will kick off tomorrow. The team players from China, Thailand, Argentina and Puerto Rico met the press at Macau Tourism Centre this afternoon to discuss the upcoming tournament over the next 3 days.

In his address delivered at the press conference, Mr. Michael Mecca, President & Chief Operating Officer of GEG said that the group was honored to be presenting this prominent event for the eighth consecutive year and he added, "As a responsible corporate citizen, GEG will continue to assist Macau to organize more sports and cultural events, which can help to strengthen its ties with the rest of the world. We are confident that each team will bring out its best in the World Grand Prix and have big achievement in the London Olympic Games."

As in previous years, GEG will continue to organize the "My Favorite Galaxy Star Player" Award, adding extra excitement to the games this year. Two players from each team have been selected by Macau Sports Press Association and Hong Kong Sports Press Association to be the candidates for the award, including Hui Ruoqi and Zhang Lei from China, Lucia Fresco and Emilce Sosa from Argentina, Wilavan Apinyapon and Malika Kanthong from Thailand and Sarai Alvarez and Aurea Cruz from Puerto Rico.

The winner of last year's "My Favorite Galaxy Star Player" Award Hui Ruoqi was delighted to be selected as one of the nominees again. She said, "The voting activity can surely help to enhance spectators' involvement to the games. However, winning the award is not my priority concern. I will deliver my best performance in the tournament to help my team to achieve good result." Hui Ruoqi's teammate Zhang Lei also said, "I am very happy to be nominated for the award. This is the first time for me to stay in the magnificent Galaxy Hotel™ and I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the hotel for its warm hospitality."



During the tournament, ballot boxes will be placed at the entrance of Macau Forum for the spectators to cast their votes for their favorite players. The player who receives the highest number of votes from the three-day tournament will become the winner of the "My Favorite Galaxy Star Player" Award to take home GEG's sponsored prizes worth USD3,000, including a two-night stay at the Sky Villa of Banyan Tree Macau with free breakfast and Royal Banyan spa services. A lucky spectator who votes for the winning player will be drawn out to receive big prizes including a one-night stay at Galaxy Hotel, food & beverage coupons of Galaxy Macau™ valued at MOP1,500, as well as free access to all facilities at the Grand Resort Deck and Kidz Island.

Commencing from 5 pm tomorrow, the "FIVB Volleyball World Grand Prix™ Macau 2012 presented by Galaxy Entertainment Group" will kick off with an exciting game between Argentina and Thailand, followed by a matching game between China and Puerto Rico later that evening. For event details, please visit the website of Macau Sports Development Board, www.sport.gov.mo, or GEG, www.galaxyentertainment.com.

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## **Photo Caption:**



P001: Mr. Michael Mecca, President & Chief Operating Officer of GEG presented souvenirs to the eight nominees of the "My Favorite Galaxy Star Player" Award.





P002: Chinese team players' Hui Ruoqi (right) and Zhang Lei (left) were honored to be nominated for the "My Favorite Galaxy Star Player" Award.