

CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

主席報告書

We will continue to deliver an efficient logistics network with a view to generate sustainable returns to our shareholders.

集團將繼續努力建設高效率的物流網絡，並為股東帶來持續的回報。



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Dear Shareholders,

I am pleased to report our annual results for the year ended 31 March 2010. Our net profit after taxation amounted to HK\$149 million (2009: HK\$139 million), an increase of 8% year on year. The Board has resolved not to declare final dividend for the year (2009: Nil).

The overall global economy stabilized during the year, while the momentum of recovery varies across major economies. Implementation of the RMB4 trillion program launched by the Central Government in autumn 2008 led to quick and strong rebound of the Mainland economy, which subsequently achieved the target 8% GDP growth for 2009.

各位股東：

本人欣然向閣下呈報集團截至2010年3月31日止財政年度的業績。集團除稅後盈利達1.49億港元（2009年：1.39億港元），按年上升8%。董事局決議不宣派本年度的末期股息（2009年：無）。

本年度全球整體經濟漸見穩定，但各主要經濟體的復甦勢頭卻不盡相似。中央政府在2008年秋季推出總值人民幣4萬億元的方案，使內地經濟迅速出現強勁的反彈，隨後亦實現了2009年國內生產總值增長達8%的目標。



SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS

股東資金

HK\$

4,130 million
百萬港元

As a result of the massive stimulus program, strong domestic demand and continual development of infrastructure, especially in those developing provinces, drove the demand for basic commodities and logistics support services. Against this backdrop, our network of bulk cargo ports contributed positively in fulfilling the market need for time and cost-efficient transportation. Synergy among these ports also enhanced our operational performance during the year.

On the business development front, we improved our capital structure after completion of the rights issue in July 2009, and continued to take measured steps in extending our port network. Our investment in Yichang Port Group completed in November 2009, following which Yichang Port Group became our subsidiary. We also acquired 25% interest in Jiangyin Sunan Container Terminal in June 2009, and increased our stake to 40% in July 2010. On the other hand, we materialized significant return by disposing 15% interest in Yangkou Port Company. A detail review of our operation and development this year is set out in the Managing Director's Report.

在大規模經濟刺激計劃的帶動下，強勁的內需及基礎設施不斷發展，帶動了市場對基本商品和物流支援服務的需求，這種情況在發展中省份尤其明顯。在這樣的背景下，集團的大宗散貨港口網絡在滿足市場對快捷而低廉的運輸需求上，作出了積極的貢獻。而各個港口之間的協同，也提高了集團本年度的業績。

在業務發展方面，集團於2009年7月完成供股後優化了資本結構，並且繼續謹慎地擴大其港口網絡。集團在2009年11月完成注資宜昌港務集團，宜昌港務集團亦已隨之成為集團的附屬公司；此外集團在2009年6月又收購了江陰蘇南集裝箱碼頭25%股權，並在2010年7月增加股權至40%。另一方面，集團出售了洋口港公司15%的權益，以實現我們優厚的投資回報。有關集團年內之業務發展，詳見《總裁報告書》。



As we continue to tap opportunities along the Golden Waterway, we also consistently take up our corporate social responsibility. We were accredited the title “Caring Company” again by the Hong Kong Council of Social Service in recognition of our philanthropic contribution and voluntary services. We also maintain high standards of corporate governance by implementation of our new Code of Conduct and consistent internal audit programs, and provision of relevant trainings across our offices in the Mainland.

Looking ahead, the short-term outlook of the global economy remains uncertain, due to concerns over the recent financial crisis in Europe and, more importantly, the lack of coordination in the implementation of “exit strategies” by the major economies. However, such issues are unlikely to cast major impacts on the Mainland economy, which is supported by the strong domestic markets and rapid urbanization. Besides, various fiscal tools and adjustment measures used by the Central Government will optimize the pace of economic development and avoid overheating.

集團積極開拓黃金水道沿岸的發展機遇，同時亦致力承擔企業社會責任。保華集團再度獲得由香港社會服務聯會頒發「商界展關懷」榮譽，表揚集團奉獻和服務社會。另外，年內集團亦採用新的行為守則，於內地公司實施一致的內部審計方案，及繼續提供有關培訓，以維持高標準的企業管治水平。

展望未來，全球經濟的短期前景仍然不明朗；最近在歐洲發生的金融危機固然帶來影響，而更重要的是，主要經濟體在退市方面未能作出協調。然而，這些因素在內地被強勁的內需市場和迅速的城市化進程中和，對經濟的實際影響有限。此外，中央政府以各種金融工具和調控措施，優化經濟發展的步伐，有助避免經濟過熱。



During and after the fiscal year, more national and provincial policies were launched. One of these policies was the *Jiangsu Coastal Region Development Plan*, which raised the strategy on development of Jiangsu Coastal Region into national level. In May 2010, the *Several Opinions of the State Council on Encouraging and Guiding the Healthy Development of Non-government Investment* was issued to encourage private investment to enter into port development, infrastructure construction and utility development in the Mainland. PYI fully appreciate the significance of such policies in the economic development of the Mainland. Therefore we have been following the national mission as we pushed forward our Yangtze Strategy over the years and will continue to deliver an efficient logistics network with a view to generate sustainable returns to our shareholders.

I sincerely take this opportunity to appreciate my fellow Board members for their successful leadership. My appreciation also goes to our executives and staff across the nation for their dedication and loyal service. I am most grateful to our shareholders, clients and partners for their trust and support in our vision.

Yours faithfully,

Joseph Chow *OBE, JP*
Chairman

Hong Kong, 16 July 2010

在本財政年度期間或之後，多項國家和省級政策分別出台。其中《江蘇沿海地區發展規劃》，使江蘇沿海開發正式提升為國家層面規劃。2010年5月，國務院提出《關於鼓勵和引導民間投資健康發展的若干意見》，鼓勵私人投資內地的港口發展、基礎設施建設和公用事業發展。保華集團對此些政策在內地經濟發展的重要意義深表贊同，因此多年來一直緊隨國家使命，推動長江策略。集團將繼續努力建設高效率的物流網絡，同時為股東帶來持續的回報。

我謹藉此機會，感謝各位領導有方的董事局成員，及全國各地專心致志，竭誠盡忠的管理層及所有員工。此外我衷心感謝我們的股東、客戶、夥伴在集團願景實現中給予的信任及支持。

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