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For Immediate Release

**Hong Kong Red Cross and Hong Kong Psychological Society's Division of Clinical Psychology
Jointly Provide
Psychological Support Hotline Service for People Distressed by the Hong Tai Hostages Incident**

(Hong Kong, 23 August 2010) Hong Kong people who feel emotionally disturbed or in psychological discomfort due to the Hong Tai hostages Incident occurred in Manila may call for help from the “*Psychological Support Hotline Service*” jointly operated by Hong Kong Red Cross (HKRC) and the Critical Incident Team under the Division of Clinical Psychology of the Hong Kong Psychological Society. The hotline number is **2507 7750**.

People in need may call the above hotline starting from 10:30 am on Tuesday, 24 August 2010, until 10:00 pm in the evening. Service calls will first be received by HKRC's psychological support volunteers who will take down basic information of the enquirers, and immediately refer to the Critical Incident Team of the Hong Kong Psychological Society's Division of Clinical Psychology. Professional clinical psychologists of the Society will return call to the enquirers and provide the necessary psychological support service or emotional counseling on phone. This hotline service will initially run for 3 days until 26 August, and may be extended subject to needs.

Meanwhile, the Philippines National Red Cross is also providing on-site psychological support service in Manila for the Hong Kong hostages who were initially released and later saved in the rescue actions.

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