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MRS EUGENIA WU TO FIRE JARDINES' MIDNIGHT GUN

HONG KONG 31st December, 2007 – The traditional Jardines' Midnight Gun Salute to the New Year will be fired by Mrs Eugenia Wu, wife of Dr James Wu, Chairman of Maxim's Group.

Dr James Wu co-founded Maxim's Group with his brother, S. T., since 1956. He is also the Chairman and Managing Director of the management company, Hongkong Caterers Limited, which owns 50% equity in Maxim's. He will retire on 1st January 2008 as Chairman of Maxim's Group, and remains on the Maxim's board as an Honorary Chairman.

The traditional ceremony in Causeway Bay has become a popular local event since the Gun was first fired on the New Year's Eve after the end of World War II over five decades ago. The event is often covered as a countdown to the New Year by local television and radio stations.

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