



## Press Release

### **10th IAVE Asia-Pacific Regional Volunteer Conference Service Visits cum Caring Bus Kick-off Ceremony on 9 November 2005**

To celebrate the first international volunteer conference held in Hong Kong, a kick-off ceremony of AVS Caring Bus cum Service Visit is organized on today (9 November). After the ceremony, the Caring Bus will send delegates to the service spot, Victoria Nursery & Kindergarten to meet with parent volunteers involved in the planning of school volunteer activities and policies, and join the volunteer services such as story telling and handicraft making. The aim of the Project Visits and Volunteer Action for overseas delegates is to experience and have greater understanding on local volunteer services.

Organised by Agency for Volunteer Service and International Association for Volunteer Effort, the 10<sup>th</sup> IAVE Asia-Pacific Regional Volunteer Conference was opened on 7 November. It offered a platform for 500 volunteer leaders and administrators from 17 countries/regions to exchange and share ideas and experience on volunteering with a view to broaden the perspective, to renew the vision and to discuss strategies on how to strengthen volunteer participation for a sustainable and harmonious community.

#### **Officiating Guest:**

Mrs Liz Burns

World President, International Association for Volunteer Effort

Ms Winnie Ng

Executive Director, The Kowloon Motor Bus Holdings Limited

Mr J P Lee, OBE, JP

Chairman, Agency for Volunteer Service