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## Plaza Premium Group Elevates People and ESG with Inaugural “Voice of PPG” Global Solo Singing Competition



(From left) Mei Mei Song, Chief Transformation Officer, PPG; Mrs. Linda Song, Co-Founder and Executive Director, PPG and Chairperson of the PPG Choir; Jonathan Song, Chief Commercial Officer, PPG; and Mr. Song Hoi See, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, PPG

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**Hong Kong, 20 May 2026** — Plaza Premium Group (PPG), the global leader in integrated 360-degree airport hospitality experiences and passenger service solutions operating in more than 600 international and domestic airports across 150 countries, brought colleagues from the Americas, Asia and Europe to Hong Kong this April for its inaugural Voice of PPG Global Solo Singing Competition. Designed as a flagship employee engagement initiative, the programme puts PPG’s “People First” — one of the Group’s five sustainability pillars — into practice by investing in its frontline and corporate talent beyond the workplace.

The inaugural competition attracted strong global participation, with more than 180 colleagues from around the world stepping forward to take part. From this pool, 10 finalists were selected to perform live at the finals in PPG’s home city, including two colleagues based in Hong Kong, with the other 8 finalists travelled from across the world to take the stage. For several of the 10 finalists, this was their first time travelling outside their home country, turning the journey into an opportunity for cultural exchange, confidence-building and professional pride.

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Conceived and spearheaded by Mrs. Linda Song, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Plaza Premium Group and Chairperson of the PPG Choir, the competition brought to life the Group's belief that meaningful shared experiences are central to attracting and retaining talent in airport hospitality, while reinforcing its commitment to global mobility, recognition and intercultural exposure as part of its HR and ESG priorities.

## A Global Aviation Workforce on One Stage



The finalists reflected the diversity of PPG's workforce, representing frontline hospitality, operational and corporate roles from cities including Kuala Lumpur, Rome, Abu Dhabi, Rio de Janeiro, Denver, Singapore, Taipei and Hong Kong. Together, they brought a cross-section of the airport ecosystem onto a single stage, from guest services and food and beverage to operations and corporate functions.

- Amanda Martin, Assistant General Manager — Denver
- Aneira Choi, Senior Manager, Social Impact & Special Projects — Hong Kong
- Annaliza Gonzales Yumang, Lounge Supervisor — Singapore
- Fabrizio Isoni, Food & Beverage Associate — Rome
- Faveyona Linos, Chef — Kuala Lumpur
- Jearne Tupaz Mabuyog, Food & Beverage Supervisor — Hong Kong
- Lau Chung Jie, Manager, Record to Report — Kuala Lumpur
- Nathalia Baptista da Silva, Junior Supervisor — Rio de Janeiro
- Riza Sampaga, Butler — Abu Dhabi
- Tony Tsai, Operations Manager — Taipei

Ahead of the live finale, finalists took part in a five-day immersive programme across Hong Kong and Macau. They explored key districts, experienced local cuisine, and gained behind-the-scenes exposure

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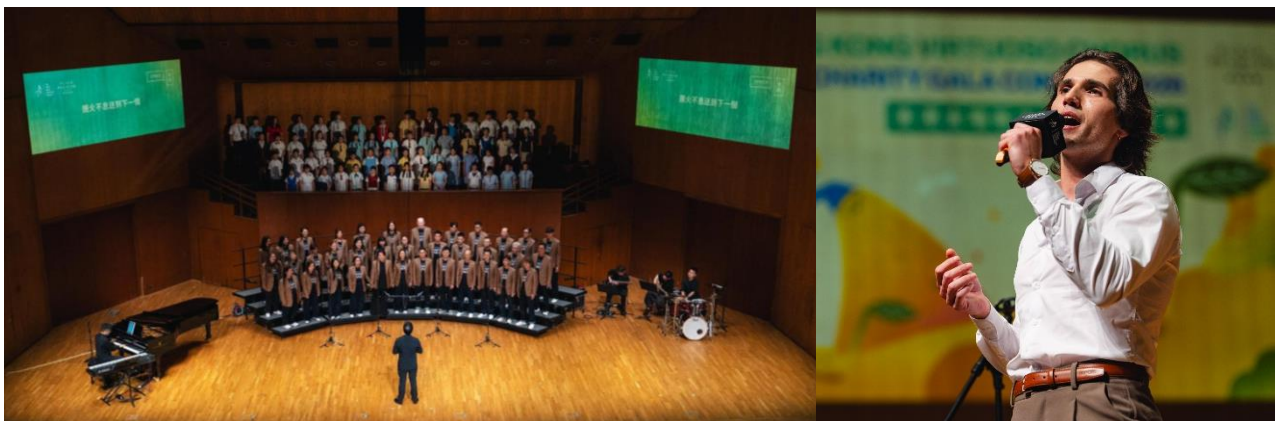
to airport hospitality operations, including the wider PPG ecosystem that spans lounges, airport hotels, meet-and-greet services and F&B offerings. The programme was designed to deepen their understanding of the aviation and travel value chain while building strong personal connections with colleagues from different markets.

“As a global company operating across many markets, initiatives like Voice of PPG provide a powerful platform that brings our people together beyond their roles. Music, as a universal language, brings them together — allowing colleagues to express themselves, connect across cultures, and celebrate one another’s talents. Seeing this shared experience unfold on one stage is a reminder that people and human connection sit at the heart of airport hospitality,” said Roy Pang, Chief Human Resources Officer, Plaza Premium Group.

## **A Night Where People and Purpose Took Centre Stage**

The live finale took place at the Concert Hall of Hong Kong City Hall as part of the HKVC Charity Gala Concert 2026, proudly title-sponsored by Plaza Premium Group. Colleagues, leadership teams and business partners from across the region travelled to Hong Kong to support the finalists, creating an atmosphere of celebration as well as shared pride.

Performances were evaluated by a distinguished jury panel comprising Dr. Darius Lim (Artistic Director, Voices of Singapore), Sanders Lau (Artistic Director, NOËMA) and Janees Wong (Violinist and Singer), who assessed the finalists on vocal performance, musical interpretation and stage presence. Alongside professional judging, audience members participated in real time, with the Best Cheering Video and Audience Award determined by live voting through PPG’s Smart Traveller app.



**Plaza Premium Group is proud to recognise the following award recipients:**

- Champion: Fabrizio Isoni (Rome)
- 1st Runner-up: Jearne Tupaz Mabuyog (Hong Kong)
- 2nd Runner-up: Faveyona Linos (Kuala Lumpur)
- Best Cheering Video & Audience Award: Jearne Tupaz Mabuyog (Hong Kong)

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Beyond the solo competition, the gala unfolded as a broader celebration of leadership and community. Programme highlights included performances by the PPG Choir, the Hong Kong Inter-School Choir (Primary Division), and a special segment featuring PPG's C-suite leaders performing alongside the Hong Kong Virtuoso Chorus, reinforcing the Group's belief in leading through shared experiences.

The evening concluded with ensemble performances of *Our Story* and *Fire*, composed and conducted by Dr. Darius Lim and Kelvin Lau respectively, symbolising unity, shared values and the power of voices coming together as one.

## **ESG In Action: People Sustainability and Impact Beyond the Terminal**

PPG has identified people, sustainability and digitalisation as the three core pillars of its transformation journey, with a dedicated Global Head of ESG & Sustainability driving impact across the Group's airport hospitality portfolio. Voice of PPG brings this commitment to life on the ground, translating people sustainability into real experiences that connect colleagues across cultures and markets through music.

In practice, Voice of PPG came to life through the many ways colleagues chose to take part. Participation spanned five core avenues — the PPG Choir, the Global Solo Singing Competition, volunteering, cheering teams and team-building activities — allowing colleagues to contribute in ways that felt meaningful to them. It was this collective involvement, both on and off stage, that shaped the experience and defined the spirit of Voice of PPG.

Moreover, by linking the gala to HKVC's "Plant a Choral Seed" initiative and the planting of trees in the HKICF Forest in Bhutan, the event connected employee engagement with measurable environmental outcomes. This reflects aviation's wider move toward integrated ESG approaches, where airport stakeholders are expected to support both decarbonisation and community impact as part of the travel ecosystem.

"Voice of PPG, at its heart, is about bringing our colleagues together and creating meaningful ways for them to engage, connect and express themselves," said Mrs. Linda Song, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Plaza Premium Group.

"For us, everyone who stepped forward to sing is already a winner," said Mrs. Song. "Our Top 10 finalists are ambassadors of PPG's culture. As they return to their home markets, they bring with them the spirit of Voice of PPG — openness, collaboration and creativity. This is what makes the initiative truly sustainable, allowing its impact to live on across different cultures and communities."

"As we continue to grow our footprint worldwide, we want our people to feel that they are not just serving the travel industry, but actively shaping a more human, inclusive and sustainable future for it."

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## About PPG Choir

Established in April 2025, the PPG Choir is a flagship initiative of Plaza Premium Group (PPG). Spearheaded by Datin Wira Linda Song, Co-Founder and Executive Director of PPG, the ensemble was established to unify a diverse global workforce through the universal language of music. The choir serves as a living embodiment reflecting PPG's sustainability pillars of People First, Social Impact, and Better Together.

Under the artistic leadership of renowned conductor Mr. Kelvin Lau, Founder and Artistic Director of The Hong Kong Virtuoso Chorus (HKVC), the choir provides a dynamic platform for staff engagement and cultural appreciation. With a vision of connecting the world through choral music, the ensemble brings together employees from PPG's Hong Kong headquarters and airport operations. This innovative programme highlights the Group's dedication to employee growth and its mission to foster social impact through community-based musical collaborations.

Since its inception, the PPG Choir has achieved significant milestones. Following its debut at the HKIA Career Expo in June 2025, the choir demonstrated its commitment to the community by performing "We Are the World" alongside HKVC team and the Hong Kong Inter-School Choir to support those affected by the tragedy last year. To spread festive joy to travellers, the choir joined forces with Kelvin Lau and his HKVC team for Christmas carolling at PPG's various airport outlets. Additionally, they performed alongside Airport Authority Hong Kong staff for joint carolling at Hong Kong International Airport, bringing harmony to the heart of the travel experience.

To elevate their vocal excellence, members participated in high-level workshops with world-class conductors, including Ms. Susanna Saw, Dr. Anthony Trecek-King, Ms. Akiko Otao and Mr. Scott Leithead. In 2026, the choir performed at the HKICF2026 Community Gala Concert, an event title sponsored by PPG. The evening concluded with a moving ensemble performance of "Our Story" by Dr. Darius Lim, symbolising how singers of all ages and backgrounds belong to a single community narrative. By uniting hearts through song, the PPG Choir continues to bridge cultures and enrich the guest experience through the power of harmony.

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Plaza Premium Group (PPG) is the global leader in integrated airport hospitality and passenger service solutions, operating the largest network of airport lounges worldwide and offering a 360-degree airport hospitality experience with 14 brands under its portfolio, operating in 150 countries across 600 international and domestic airports and serving 30 million passengers annually. With a mission to Make Travel Better, the group introduced the world's first independent airport lounge concept in 1998. Plaza Premium Lounge, Plaza Premium First - award-winning airport lounges, Aerotel - the world's largest airport transit hotel chain, Refreshhh by Aerotel, ALWAYS - airport passenger services, airport dining concepts, Smart Traveller - innovative digital experience and rewards platform, and One Travel Experience Ecosystem (OneTECO), the group is at the forefront of transforming airport experiences for the better through innovative and human-led solutions. PPG's commitment extends beyond its brands, as it also provides lounge management and hospitality solutions to leading airlines, alliances, and corporations worldwide. Plaza Premium Group has over 177 accolades, demonstrating its exceptional achievements and commitment to service excellence. Notably, the group has received the prestigious "World's Best Independent Airport Lounge" award at the World Airline Awards by Skytrax for nine consecutive years from 2016 to 2025. With a team of over 7,000 dedicated professionals worldwide, and through a continuous pursuit of innovation and excellence, the group is experiencing exponential growth globally.

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