# MINORITY MORIDIESE DEVELOPMENT

### **Bowes appoints new Vice President of Asia Operations**

Hong Kong Office Will Oversee Existing Operations and New Business Development Efforts in Asia

Pitney Bowes Inc. (NYSE:PBI) announces the appointment of its first vice president of Asian Operations, Henri K.T. Ho, to lead the company's successful pursuit of new markets for Pitney Bowes products and solutions in Asia.

"Asian markets offer great expansion opportunities for Pitney Bowes," says Michael Critelli, vice chairman and chief executive officer of Pitney Bowes. "We have a strong presence today in Hong Kong, but also have the opportunity to grow our business extensively in China and Southeast Asia. Henry Ho's extensive knowledge of evolving businesses throughout the region will be of great value to us."

Based in Hong Kong, Ho will manage the company's operations in Hong Kong, China, Korea and Taiwan, as well as its dealer operations in the rest of the Asia-Pacific area. He will report directly to Michael J. Critelli, vice chairman and chief executive officer of Pitney Bowes.

Ho joins Pitney Bowes from AT&T Global Information Solutions, Hong Kong, where he served as managing director. He has more than 20 years of marketing, sales, service and senior management experience in Asian countries, including Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia,



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Hong Kong and China.

Prior to AT&T, he held management positions with Wang Laboratories in Singapore and with Xerox in Hawaii. His direct customer relationships include the Asian Telecoms and Post Offices of Singapore, Vietnam, China, Hong Kong and Thailand. He received his bachelor's degree and MBA from the University of Hawaii.

"We're very excited by the ability of Pitney Bowes to service Asia from Hong Kong," says Ho. "The increasing value of this market is reflected in the decision to transfer appropriate responsibilities and staff from the Asia Pacific group in world headquarters."

Reporting to Ho will be Robert Laban, vice president, Southeast Asia Operations, who will be responsible for business development and dealer operations in Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and India. Harish Dua will be managing our Indian liaison office located in New Delhi and will report to Laban.

Pitney Bowes Inc. is a premier provider of innovative products, services and technologies that enable customers worldwide to efficiently manage the exchange and distribution of information and packages.

### **Thrifty PayLess** to visit Japan

Gordon Barker, President & CEO of Thrifty PayLess, Inc. has been invited to give a seminar to more than 200 member companies of DMS on the role of the drug store in the United States. He is also expected to discuss future expansion strategies for Thrifty PayLess.

The invitation was extended by Masao Akegami and Mamouru Munakata. Mr. Akegami serves as the President of Bai-Go Drugs and as the Chairman of DMS. DMS is a merchandising group located in Sinyokohama, Japan. Mr. Munakata is the President of NRK which acts as the general offices for DMS.

"This trip is a great opportunity for Thrifty PayLess to explain how we became the largest drug store on the west coast, and to show our interest in the drug store industry from an international standpoint," noted Mr.

Flemming Kisbye, Senior Director of International Affairs & Field Merchandising will also be accompanying Mr. Barker on his trip to Japan.

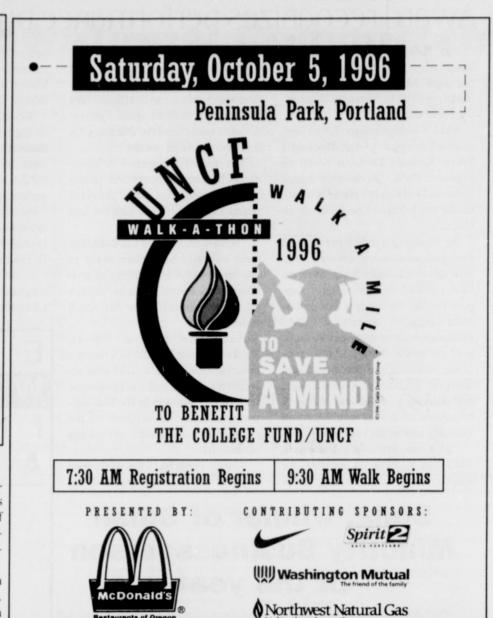
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