Cathay General Bancorp (CATY) to Ring the NASDAQ Stock Market Opening Bell

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What:

Cathay General Bancorp (CATY) will visit the NASDAQ MarketSite in New York City's Times Square.

In honor of the occasion, Veronica Tsang, Senior Vice President, Eastern Regions of Cathay Bank, a subsidiary of Cathay General Bancorp (CATY), will ring the NASDAQ Opening Bell.

Where:

NASDAQ MarketSite — 4 Times Square — 43rd & Broadway — Broadcast Studio

When:

Tuesday, December 14th, 2010 at 9:15 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. ET

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Feed Information:

The Opening Bell is available from 9:20 a.m. to 9:35 a.m. on AMC3 / C22, 87 degrees West, downlink frequency 4140 vertical. The feed can also be found on Ascent fiber 1623. If you have any questions, please contact Robert Madden at (646) 441-5045.

Radio Feed:

An audio transmission of the Opening Bell is also available from 9:20 a.m. to 9:35 a.m. on uplink IA6 C band / transponder 24, downlink frequency 4180 horizontal. The feed can be found on Ascent fiber 1623 as well.

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Webcast:

A live webcast of the NASDAQ Opening Bell will be available at: http://www.nasdaq.com/about/marketsitetowervideo.asx

Photos:

To obtain a hi-resolution photograph of the Market Open, please go to http://www.nasdaq.com/reference/marketsite_events.stm and click on the market open of your choice.

About Cathay General Bancorp (CATY):

Cathay General Bancorp is the holding company for Cathay Bank, a California state-chartered bank. Founded in 1962, Cathay Bank offers a wide range of financial services. Cathay Bank currently operates 31 branches in California, eight branches in New York State, one in Massachusetts, two in Texas, three in Washington State, three in the Chicago, Illinois, area, one in New Jersey, one in Hong Kong, and a representative office in Taipei and in Shanghai. Cathay Bank's website is found at http://www.cathaybank.com/.

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