

# 2018 Wan Chai Festival Opening Ceremony – Vitality . Love@Wan Chai Grand Sea, Land and Sky Parade to be held this Sunday

The 2018 Wan Chai Festival Opening Ceremony – Vitality Love@Wan Chai Grand Sea, Land and Sky Parade will be held at 3pm this Sunday (July 8) at Golden Bauhinia Square and off Wan Chai in Victoria Harbour. Around 1 000 people will participate in the parade, performances and game booths to open the 2018 Wan Chai Festival as well as to showcase the vibrancy and diversity of Wan Chai District.

Performances by artistes, district organisations and schools will be conducted at Golden Bauhinia Square. Members of the public can also have fun in the game booths.

The Secretary of Home Affairs, Mr Lau Kong-wah, and the Deputy Director General of the Hong Kong Island Sub-office of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR, Mr Chen Xubin, will officiate at the opening ceremony at 4pm at Golden Bauhinia Square.

After the ceremony, more than 10 vessels and two helicopters will join a parade off the coast of the square. Led by the Hong Kong Police Band, more than 200 district personalities will dress up and join the land parade at the Square and the nearby waterfront area. Over 10 vintage cars and three open-top Big Buses will join the parade at 5pm to tour Wan Chai District.

To extend the joyful atmosphere to different parts of the district, street performances will be staged at various locations at the times below:

- 5.30pm to 6pm: Wong Nai Chung Road Crescent Garden;
- 6pm to 7pm: Lockhart Road Pedestrian Precinct; and
- 6.15pm to 7.15pm: Open space near MTR Tin Hau Station Exit A2.

Free shuttle bus service will be provided between MTR Wan Chai Station (Exit B1) and Golden Bauhinia Square from 2.30pm to 6.30pm with a 15-minute interval.

The 2018 Wan Chai Festival Opening Ceremony – Vitality Love@Wan Chai Grand Sea, Land and Sky Parade is organised by the 2018 Wan Chai Festival Organising Committee, in collaboration with the Wan Chai District Council and the Wan Chai District Office, and sponsored by the Wan Chai District Council and the Hong Kong Jockey Club.