

4.23 World Book Day Creative Competition prize presentation ceremony held today (with photos)

To tie in with 4.23 World Book Day, the Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department organises the 4.23 World Book Day Creative Competition annually. The prize presentation ceremony this year was held at the Hong Kong Central Library today (April 28) to recognise the outstanding performance of the participants.

Speaking at the ceremony, the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services, Ms Michelle Li, said that this year's Competition, carrying the theme "Let's Share the Joy of Reading", expected that participating students could enrich their lives, through the joy of reading and writing, by making a habit of reading.

She noted that this year's competition received an overwhelming response, with over 1 500 entries from more than 240 schools.

The competition consisted of four categories: junior primary students designed book covers to show their beloved book or a chapter of it; senior primary students wrote letters to teachers, family members or friends to describe their favourite printed or electronic book that touched them emotionally; junior secondary students wrote essays on the topic "Reading makes me ..." to introduce a printed or electronic book and share their views; and senior secondary students wrote essays illustrating their experience of reading and describing their insights on the theme "One's Journey in Reading".

Winning entries were selected from each category, with 25 chosen from junior primary, 15 from senior primary Chinese, 16 from junior secondary Chinese, 12 from senior secondary Chinese, eight each from senior primary English and junior secondary English, and five from senior secondary English.

The winning students were each awarded a \$500 book coupon, a medal and a certificate. A trophy will also be awarded to the school of each winner.

Winning entries from the competition will be on display at the Exhibition Gallery of the Hong Kong Central Library from tomorrow (April 29) to May 13, followed by a roving exhibition at 20 public libraries and the Hong Kong Book Fair. The winning entries will also be uploaded to www.hkpl.gov.hk/en/extension-activities/event-category/23428/4-23-world-book-day.

This creative competition is part of the ongoing Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao library collaboration and exchange programme. Shenzhen Library, Shenzhen Children's Library, the Sun Yat-Sen Library of Guangdong Province

and Macao Public Library have also organised competitions under the same theme. The winning entries will be displayed in their respective libraries.

Other guests attending the presentation ceremony today included the President of the Hong Kong Teacher-Librarians' Association, Ms Wong Ngai-kuen; the Curriculum Development Officer of the Curriculum Development Institute, Education Bureau, Mr Wong Kin-fung; and the Reading Promotion Project Leaders of the Shenzhen Children's Library, Ms Yin Jiani and Mr Zhong Fukang.

The launching ceremony of "Fun Reading at Hong Kong Public Transportation" was also held at Whitty Street Tram Depot in Sai Wan today. This is an outreach paired reading activity jointly organised by the HKPL and Hapischool Reading Club. The Assistant Director (Libraries and Development) of Leisure and Cultural Services, Miss Rochelle Lau, officiated at the ceremony. Other officiating guests included the Co-Founder of Hapischool Reading Club, Mr Kenny Or; the Manager of Hong Kong Trams Store, Mr Eric Lee; and artiste Moses Chan.

The first tram-themed session was held immediately after the launching ceremony. After boarding a tram, parents and children began their fun reading journey on an iconic type of Hong Kong transport. "Fun Reading at Hong Kong Public Transportation" aims to take participants beyond libraries to read picture books and learn more about the city.

The upcoming sessions will visit a bus depot and the MTR Safety Experience zone as well as sail on the Dukling. Parents and kids are welcome to join the reading journey. Registration can be done online on www.hkpl.gov.hk/tc/extension-activities/event-category/150712/fun-reading-at-hong-kong-public-transportation. Seats are limited and interested families are advised to note the registration periods.

Details of the fun-packed activities are available on the HKPL's website (www.hkpl.gov.hk) and its newly launched "Reading is Joyful" Facebook page (www.facebook.com/readingisjoyful) and Instagram page (www.instagram.com/readingisjoyful).



