

75-minute documentary “Enchanting China” premieres today to celebrate 75th anniversary of founding of People’s Republic of China (with photos)

â€œTo mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, the Environment and Ecology Bureau (EEB) and the Environmental Protection Department, in collaboration with the Center for Environmental Education and Communications of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment, have produced the documentary series "Enchanting China". The premiere of the documentary series was held today (September 21) at Shaw Auditorium, the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST).

The first series of "Enchanting China" consists of five episodes totalling 75 minutes, namely "Ninety-Nine Bends of the Yellow River", "Song of the Yangtze", "From Desert to Forest", "Embracing Diversity" and "Clean Air Actions". The first four episodes, together with "Picturesque Bays of Hong Kong", which is the first episode of the documentary series "Beautiful Hong Kong" produced by the EEB, were screened at today's premiere. Through showing the country's achievements and contributions in environmental protection, it aims to instil a strong sense of patriotism in the younger generation and help them understand the country's progress of the ecological civilisation development in building a beautiful China and the contributions and achievements made by the country and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government in environmental protection and nature conservation.

Speaking at the premiere, the Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Chan Kwok-ki, said, "'Enchanting China' allows us to experience the extraordinary charm of our nation and witness the country's major achievements and contributions in environmental protection. On the first National Ecology Day last year, President Xi Jinping emphasised that 'building an ecological civilisation is of fundamental importance for the sustainable development of the Chinese nation'. 'Enchanting China' is a meaningful way to implement the concept of 'lucid waters and lush mountains are invaluable assets', and promote the construction of ecological civilisation and environmental protection education."

The Convenor of the Working Group on Patriotic Education (WGPE), Ms Starry Lee, who is also a member of the National People's Congress Standing Committee and the Chairman of the Legislative Council House Committee, also attended the premiere today. She said that "Enchanting China" is a thematic documentary series born out of Hong Kong's integration into the overall framework of national development, allowing Hong Kong to join the leading

force in national environmental governance at a new level to deepen the understanding of the practice of green transformation.

Other guests at the premiere included Deputy Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR Mr Luo Yonggang; the Inspector General of the Ministry of Ecology and Environment, Mr Ling Jiang; the Secretary for Environment and Ecology, Mr Tse Chin-wan; the Director of Environmental Protection, Dr Samuel Chui; heads of Departments; Consuls-General and representatives from Chambers of Commerce; Legislative Council Members; members from the WGPE, the Advisory Council on the Environment, and the Environment and Conservation Fund Committee; District Council members; chairmen and vice-chairmen of the three committees (the Area Committees, the District Fight Crime Committees and the District Fire Safety Committees); as well as representatives from local professional bodies, higher-education institutions and schools.

The EEB's documentary series "Beautiful Hong Kong" also consists of five episodes totalling 75 minutes, showing the progressive environmental improvements in Hong Kong since the return to the motherland.

Mr Tse said, "The showcase of 'Picturesque Bays of Hong Kong' celebrated the achievements made by the HKSAR Government in environmental protection and nature conservation. Looking ahead, the HKSAR will continue to maintain close collaboration with other Greater Bay Area cities to jointly set up ecological security shields with a view to developing a more charming bay area. I encourage everyone in the community to explore our picturesque bays, treasure the natural beauty of Hong Kong and work together to enhance our natural environment."

Professor Nancy Ip, President of HKUST, where the premiere took place, said in her welcome remarks, "The movie showcases our motherland's unwavering commitment to preserving our natural environment and promoting sustainable development. Advancing sustainability requires collaboration and knowledge sharing across different sectors. HKUST strives to foster global sustainable development through scientific research, innovative solutions and international partnerships. We are also pleased to witness the establishment of the World Sustainable Development Institute in collaboration with the China Biodiversity Conservation and Green Development Foundation as part of today's meaningful celebration. The institute will seek to generate impactful research outcomes and pursue science-based solutions for complex challenges such as climate change and nature conservation."

The documentary series "Enchanting China" and "Beautiful Hong Kong" will be screened at the Hong Kong Space Museum and T·PARK from October. It will subsequently be broadcast on RTHK TV 32 and uploaded online for all primary and secondary schools in Hong Kong to download for broadcast.

