

[Acting SHA congratulates nine Hong Kong arts projects supported by China National Arts Fund for the first time](#)

The Council of the China National Arts Fund announced yesterday (March 1) the list of arts projects to be funded by the China National Arts Fund 2022 (mp.weixin.qq.com/s/bh7TarpvbACtd6NFzocccg) (Chinese only). After assessment, the adjudication panel of the China National Arts Fund selected 628 projects out of 10 978 formal applications. For the first time, nine Hong Kong arts projects are selected. The Acting Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Jack Chan, today (March 2) expressed his heartfelt thanks to the motherland for her support of arts development in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) and extends his congratulations to the nine arts projects to be funded by the China National Arts Fund.

Mr Chan said, "For the first time, nine Hong Kong arts projects are selected and funded by the China National Arts Fund. They include performing arts productions, cultural exchange, training of arts talents and visual arts creations. The result is encouraging. On behalf of the Home Affairs Bureau and the arts and culture sector in Hong Kong, I would like to thank the motherland again for her support of the development of arts and culture in Hong Kong, which enables us to grasp and consolidate Hong Kong's role as an East-meets-West centre for international arts and cultural exchange."

The Council of the China National Arts Fund announced in July 2021 that the China National Arts Fund 2022 would accept applications from Hong Kong and Macao Special Administrative Regions for the first time. The opening up of the China National Arts Fund to accept applications from eligible arts institutions and practitioners in the HKSAR is a testimony to the nation's care for the development of the arts and culture sector and arts talents in the HKSAR. The HKSAR Government will continue to proactively promote arts development in Hong Kong and consolidate Hong Kong's role as an East-meets-West centre for international arts and cultural exchange as laid down in the nation's 14th Five-Year Plan.

The China National Arts Fund also announced the application guide of the China National Arts Fund 2023 yesterday. The application period will begin on April 15 and end on June 15, 2022. Details are available on www.cnaf.cn/gjysjjw/jjsbzn/jjsbzn_list.shtml (Chinese only).