

# Advisory Committee on Arts Development supports 2022-23 Budget

The following is issued on behalf of the Advisory Committee on Arts Development:

The Advisory Committee on Arts Development (ACAD) welcomes and supports measures that promote the development of arts and culture as announced in the 2022-23 Budget by the Financial Secretary today (February 23).

Relevant measures in the Budget include organising the first Hong Kong Performing Arts Market, which can help take remarkable performing arts of the Mainland and Hong Kong to the world stage and promote exchanges; implementing the Arts Technology Funding Pilot Scheme and injecting funds into the Arts Capacity Development Funding Scheme to encourage the nine major performing arts groups and small and medium-sized arts groups to apply arts technology; earmarking funds to support the East Kowloon Cultural Centre to develop into a major arts technology venue and incubator, and to upgrade the arts technology facilities of the performance venues under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD); providing professional training for the conservators of the LCSD and those of the Hong Kong Palace Museum, to be opened in mid-2022, and increasing the number of places under the museum trainees (conservation) programme and the summer internship programme; injecting funds into the Cantonese Opera Development Fund to further support the long-term development of the sector; and regularising the LCSD's Community Arts Scheme to promote integration of arts into the community.

The Chairman of the ACAD, Mr Vincent Chow, said, "The above-mentioned measures are pragmatic and forward-looking, and would facilitate the diversified development of the arts and culture sector. These measures are conducive to the implementation of Hong Kong's new positioning as an East-meets-West centre for international cultural exchange under the 14th Five-Year Plan. The ACAD will continue to perform its role in advising the Government on matters relating to the development of arts, with a view to facilitating the smooth implementation of relevant measures."