

Artistic talent of Hong Kong shines in vivid Australian showcase (with photos)

With the support of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, Sydney (HKETO), a young Hong Kong watercolour artist is painting pictures of future cities and space live for spectators at a Vivid Sydney event in the Chatswood district of Sydney, Australia. Vivid Sydney is the world's largest festival of light, music and ideas and is expected to attract about 2 million people this year.

In "Life in 2050" from 7pm to 10pm on June 7, Hong Kong watercolour artist Elaine Chiu delved into an exploration of future cities in her artworks created live. Visitors had the chance to see Chiu create giant scenes of mystifying cityscapes, capturing the heartbeat and hustle and bustle of cities. The creative and colourful painting was projected live onto the Anderson Street side of the Concourse in Chatswood, complementing the eclectic celebration of food, fashion, light, the planet and the cosmos.

Chiu will continue her live performance, enabling audiences to see the experience of making artwork from its inception to final creation, from 7pm to 10pm tonight (June 8) and on June 14 and 15, and from 5.30pm to 10.30pm on June 9 and June 16, the day when Vivid Sydney concludes this year.

A spokesman for the HKETO said today (June 8) that the HKETO was delighted to support this talented artist from Hong Kong to bring her art to life on such a huge scale right in front of the audience during Vivid Sydney at Chatswood – a prominent event that the local community loves.

"It is indeed a vivid demonstration of the capability of Hong Kong's home-grown emerging young artistic talent. This is also a great opportunity for Hong Kong's creative talent to gain practical experience by participating in a large-scale overseas event," the spokesman said.

"To consolidate Hong Kong's status as an international cultural metropolis and to create more opportunities for our young artists, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government will continue to support them to perform and stage exhibitions outside Hong Kong to showcase the essence of Hong Kong arts," the spokesman added.

This is the first time that Chiu, a fine arts graduate from the University of Hong Kong, has brought her distinct style to Sydney. The emerging artist has exhibited in Hong Kong and various cities overseas, and has presented solo exhibitions in the past years. She also received a Talent Development Scholarship and a Reaching Out Award under the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government Scholarship Fund in 2015-16.

