

“Becoming Jane – Inspiring a Shared Planet” exhibition to advocate nature conservation and sustainable living (with photos)

A new exhibition entitled "Becoming Jane – Inspiring a Shared Planet" will be held at the Hong Kong Science Museum from tomorrow (May 24). The exhibition highlights some of the amazing stories and experiences of the renowned British biologist Dr Jane Goodall, who spent many years observing chimpanzees in the jungles of Africa, and aims to encourage Hong Kong youths to take constructive action to protect wildlife and the environment as well as live a sustainable lifestyle.

The opening ceremony of the exhibition was held today (May 23). The Director of Leisure and Cultural Services, Ms Michelle Li, said that Dr Goodall is one of the world's most respected conservationists and scientists, and her pioneering study of wild chimpanzees in Tanzania over some 60 years revolutionised our understanding of the relationships between chimpanzees and humans.

She added that Dr Goodall set up the Jane Goodall Institute with the aim of drawing global attention to the protection of chimpanzees. In supporting the mission of the Jane Goodall Institute, the Hong Kong Science Museum will strive to further promote science and technology to the young generation and inspire them to further apply knowledge to help conserve the planet.

For the exhibition, the exhibition hall has been transformed to resemble an African jungle to reflect the habitat of chimpanzees. Visitors will be able to improve their knowledge of chimpanzees, including their unique kinship with humans, the emotions shown by their facial expressions, their ability to make and use tools, and their self-medication methods using forest resources. A projection of Dr Goodall at work in a jungle tent will also be shown, as she shares her stories from the African forests.

The exhibition will present the first holistic projection of Dr Goodall making her early scientific discoveries, and will also showcase her dedicated contributions to environmental conservation and youth empowerment through various interactive devices.

Other officiating guests today included the Chairman of the Jane Goodall Institute Hong Kong, Mr Ericson Chan; the Executive Director of the Jane Goodall Institute Tanzania, Mr Freddy Kimaro; the Executive Manager of Charities (Grant Making – Sports and Environment) of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Ms Donna Tang; the Assistant Director (Conservation) of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, Mr Simon Chan; the Founder and Director of Globe Creative, Ms Karen Chang; and the Acting Museum

Director of the Hong Kong Science Museum, Mr Robert Leung.

The "Becoming Jane – Inspiring a Shared Planet" exhibition is jointly presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and the Jane Goodall Institute (Hong Kong), jointly organised by the Hong Kong Science Museum and the Jane Goodall Institute (Hong Kong), and solely sponsored by the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust.

The exhibition will run until October 2. For details, please visit the Science Museum's website at hk.science.museum/ms/jane_goodall2019 or call 2732 3232 for enquiries.

Dr Goodall is a noted humanitarian and environmentalist who has spent many years observing the behaviour of chimpanzees in their native habitat. In the past few decades, Dr Goodall has been increasingly concerned about the damage to the environment caused by human activities, and has increasingly devoted her time to campaigning and acting as an advocate for environmental charities and concerns.

The Hong Kong Science Museum is located at 2 Science Museum Road, Tsim Sha Tsui East.



