

Brussels ETO supports Sitges International Fantastic Film Festival of Catalonia in Spain (with photos)

The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Brussels (Brussels ETO) supported the 57th Sitges International Fantastic Film Festival of Catalonia, which is taking place in Sitges, Spain, from October 3 to 13 (Sitges time). Five Hong Kong movies are featured in the Festival, namely "Twilight of the Warriors: Walled In", "The Goldfinger", "Peg O' My Heart", "The Moon Thieves" and "Inexternal".

Brussels ETO hosted a reception on October 4 (Sitges time) with the participation of the Director of "Inexternal", Mr Yuen Kim-wai, and about 100 guests from the local film, cultural and business sectors.

Speaking at the reception, Assistant Representative of Brussels ETO Mr Paul Leung, said that Hong Kong is the East-meets-West centre for international cultural exchanges and an Asian front-runner in the global film history.

"To enhance the development of the film industry, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region has been supporting the film industry through the Film Development Fund in four strategic directions, namely, nurturing talent, enhancing local production, expanding markets and building audiences," added Mr Leung.

He highlighted the recently launched Hong Kong-Europe-Asian Film Collaboration Funding Scheme, which subsidises film projects coproduced by filmmakers from European and Asian countries to produce films featuring Hong Kong, European and Asian cultures. The scheme aims to support Hong Kong films to expand to overseas markets.

Founded in 1968, the Sitges International Fantastic Film Festival of Catalonia is the world's leading fantasy film festival. It screens films related to the fantastic genre, including action and adventure movies and black comedies, with a special emphasis on thrillers.

