

Cantonese Opera Day free admission tickets to be distributed from November 23

The 18th Cantonese Opera Day will be held on November 29 (Sunday) at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre (HKCC). Free admission tickets will be distributed from 9am on November 23 (Monday) at the enquiry counter of the HKCC on a first-come, first-served basis.

The opening hours of the ticket distribution counter will be 9am to 9pm from Monday to Sunday. Each person may choose a maximum of any two programmes, with details as follows:

- a maximum of two tickets for a Cantonese opera excerpt showcase (1.30pm to 5pm), with marked-seat tickets to be distributed randomly; and
- one free-seating ticket for each demonstration or talk session.

This entertaining annual event will feature a variety of activities to be held from 1.30pm to 5.30pm at the HKCC. Attractions will include performances of Cantonese opera excerpts; make-up and costume demonstrations; headwear-making demonstrations; talks on Cantonese opera music, with two generations of Cantonese opera artists engaging in dialogue; and a Cantonese opera exhibition.

The event is organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. For more information, please refer to the programme leaflet or visit the website at www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/chinese_opera/programs_986.html. For programme enquiries, please call 2268 7325.

Since 2003, the cultural sectors of Guangdong, Macao and Hong Kong have designated the last Sunday of every November as Cantonese Opera Day to promote the valuable vernacular art of Cantonese opera. By holding this territory-wide activity on a regular basis, it is hoped that a broader audience base can be developed to hold the torch of Cantonese opera alight for future generations.