

Chairman of Cantonese Opera Development Fund Advisory Committee welcomes government injection into Cantonese Opera Development Fund

The following is issued on behalf of the Cantonese Opera Development Fund Advisory Committee:

The Chairman of the Cantonese Opera Development Fund Advisory Committee, Professor Lui Yu-hon, today (February 23) welcomed the Government's injection of \$100 million into the Cantonese Opera Development Fund.

"I welcome very much the Government's injection of \$100 million into the Fund. This reflects the Government's attachment of great importance to this world-class intangible cultural heritage item," Professor Lui said.

"Since the establishment of the Fund in 2005, a total of around \$143 million has been allocated to support over 1 000 Cantonese opera projects. Through this injection, the Fund will provide more resources to nurture young Cantonese opera talents and funding support for practitioners of different tiers and job categories to pursue continued training for self-advancement, as well as encourage the creation of shorter and medium-length Cantonese opera plays and production of performances with new elements, particularly those appealing to a young audience. This is also in line with the policy direction of supporting the development of Cantonese opera as stated in the Chief Executive's 2021 Policy Address," Professor Lui continued.

"I believe that the new funding measures will promote the long-term development of Cantonese opera, elevating the artistic level of practitioners and productions. Hence, the injection will not only benefit the Cantonese opera sector, but also the vast audience of Cantonese opera," Professor Lui said.