## Dancing dragon lantern display opens today at Hong Kong Cultural Centre Piazza to ring in New Year with public (with photos)

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is presenting the Lunar New Year Lantern Display "Dancing Dragon with Lanterns to Greet the New Year" at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre Piazza from today (February 2) until February 25 to ring in the Year of the Dragon with the public and boost the city's festive atmosphere. The lanterns will be illuminated from 6pm to 11pm daily.

To bring in the New Year, the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) Office and local paper-crafting master Chan Yiu-wah collaborated to design and craft lanterns featuring the green dragon, which symbolises the vitality of spring, as the main design element. The green dragon, weaving through palace lanterns and amid blooming festive flowers, brings forth a vibrant and colourful scene and sends a common wish that Hong Kong will remain prosperous upon the arrival of the Year of the Dragon. Both dragon dance and paper crafting are Hong Kong's intangible cultural heritage items. Members of the public can experience the vibrancy of these ICH items through the exquisite papercrafting techniques of the master.

In addition to the above lantern display, the LCSD will also hold lantern carnivals at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre Piazza, Hong Kong Velodrome Park, Tin Shui Wai Park and Ginza Square from February 20 to 25. During the carnivals, members of the public can appreciate spectacular lanterns with different themes and participate in lantern night events held on specific dates. The events offer a wide range of activities such as music and dance performances, acrobatics, magic performance, lantern riddles and more. More details will be announced later.

For enquiries, please call 2591 1340 or visit the event webpage at: www.cpo.gov.hk/activity/en-lunar-new-year-lantern-carnivals-2024-ld/









