

Dinosaur Parlour at Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre to open tomorrow

The Development Bureau announced that the Dinosaur Parlour showcasing dinosaur fossils excavated from Port Island will be open to the public tomorrow (December 20). Admission is free.

Located in the courtyard of the Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre (HDC) in Kowloon Park, Haiphong Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, the Dinosaur Parlour consists of a preparation zone and a display zone. Experts from the Institute of Vertebrate Paleontology and Paleoanthropology (IVPP) of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and staff members will be preparing dinosaur fossils in the Preparation Zone. The public can observe the preparation from a close distance. The Display Zone will showcase dinosaur fossils excavated from Port Island and animal and plant fossils found in Hong Kong, such as ostracod, ammonite and ferns, and information on dinosaurs, the formation and discovery of fossils, and the excavation and preparation of the dinosaur fossils from Port Island.

The opening hours of the HDC and the Dinosaur Parlour are as follows:
Monday to Wednesday and Friday: 10am – 6pm
Saturday, Sunday and public holidays: 10am – 7pm
Christmas Eve and Chinese New Year's Eve: 10am – 5pm
Closed on Thursdays (except public holidays) and the first two days of Chinese New Year

In consideration of the actual situation, the HDC may implement crowd control measures to ensure a pleasant experience for visitors. A Development Bureau spokesman said the Dinosaur Parlour will be open for an extended period, continuously showcasing dinosaur fossils unearthed from Port Island. As fossil preparation and research progress, the exhibit content will be updated and enriched accordingly.

Meanwhile, the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) and the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department will continue to organise a wide range of educational activities to promote public interest and knowledge in palaeontology. For details, please visit the website of the AMO (www.amo.gov.hk/en/visitor-centre/education-programmes/education-activities/index.html).

Details of the Dinosaur Parlour and videos featuring the dinosaur fossils and fossil excavation on Port Island are also uploaded on the website of the AMO (www.amo.gov.hk/en/visitor-centre/exhibitions/heritage-discovery-centre/dinosaur-parlour/index.html). For enquiries, please call 2208 4488.