

Exhibition celebrating the 40th anniversary of China's reform and opening up gets underway at the Hong Kong Museum of History

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, today (December 11) officiated at the opening ceremony of the "HKSARG's Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Reform and Opening up of the Country: 'Joint Development·Shared Prosperity' Exhibition". Organised by the Information Services Department, the exhibition continues through January 28, 2019 at the Hong Kong Museum of History.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Mrs Lam said: "This exhibition traces the remarkable journey of our country and our city, a journey of exploration and collaboration not just in business and finance but also in culture, sports and much more."

Since implementing reform and opening up policies in 1978, social and economic development of the Mainland of China has reached new milestones. Today, the Mainland's economy is the second-largest in the world and the country is a global leader in various industries.

"Forty years ago, Hong Kong's pioneering business community of local and international entrepreneurs were among the first to invest their capital, expertise and ideas in the Mainland, and in the process successfully grew their own business and contributed to Hong Kong's transition to a service economy," Mrs Lam said.

"As a Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China under the principle of 'one country, two systems', we continue to strengthen the advantages as our country's premier hub for international business and finance, with new opportunities including the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area and the Belt and Road Initiative emerging."

Other officiating guests at the opening ceremony included Director of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), Mr Wang Zhimin; the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the HKSAR, Mr Xie Feng; the Deputy Political Commissar of the Chinese People's Liberation Army Hong Kong Garrison, Mr Chen Yading; and the Chief Secretary for Administration of the HKSAR, Mr Matthew Cheung.

The guests toured the exhibition, which features interesting artefacts, multimedia displays and interactive games that depict different elements of the unique relationship between Hong Kong and the Mainland over the past four decades. A giant 10-metre-long video

wall simultaneously showcases four key milestones in the reform and opening up of the country.

Some 60 significant artefacts are displayed in six categories at the venue. Cross-boundary cultural exchanges are illustrated at the film/TV corner of the exhibition featuring highlights from 10 Mainland-Hong Kong film co-productions and 12 Hong Kong TV dramas, which were well-received by Mainland audiences. The music display area includes tunes from the Top Ten Chinese Gold Songs Award and musicians whose works have resonated with listeners during different periods over the past 40 years.

Visitors can also enjoy a naked-eye 3D video showcasing Hong Kong's strengths, advantages and opportunities under the "one country, two systems" principle as well as the city's development and international connections in various areas, including finance, innovation, technology, infrastructure and logistics. Looking ahead, the Belt and Road Initiative and Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area will bring immense business opportunities to Hong Kong. A hologram display illustrates five completed or to-be-completed major infrastructure projects.

Exhibition visitors can participate in an interactive equestrian game and also have fun at the photo corner, where they can add their images to mocked-up newspapers or magazines published over the past 40 years. They can then receive a copy of the photo by email and share it on social media with family and friends.

The exhibition, at the first floor Main Lobby of the Hong Kong Museum of History, is open to the public from December 12, 2018 to January 28, 2019. Admission is free. For details of opening hours, visit the Hong Kong Museum of History website: <https://hk.history.museum/>.