

FDC Chairman welcomes proposed establishment of Create Hong Kong as Cultural and Creative Industries Development Agency in "The Chief Executive's 2023 Policy Address"

The following is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Film Development Council:

The Chairman of the Hong Kong Film Development Council (FDC), Dr Wilfred Wong, welcomed the proposed restructuring of Create Hong Kong as the Cultural and Creative Industries Development Agency in "The Chief Executive's 2023 Policy Address" delivered today (October 25).

Dr Wong said he fully supported the Chief Executive for his proposal in the Policy Address to establish the Cultural and Creative Industries Development Agency to proactively promote the development of arts, culture and creative sectors as industries under the industry-oriented principle. The FDC will continue to work closely with the Cultural and Creative Industries Development Agency to actively support the long-term development of the local film industry.

Dr Wong also thanked the Government for its strong support in the injection of \$4.3 billion into the Film Development Fund (FDF) and the CreateSmart Initiative, as well as launching the two initiatives namely Filming Financing Scheme for Mainland Market and Hong Kong-Europe-Asian Film Collaboration Funding Scheme under FDF. The former supports Hong Kong and the Mainland cultural enterprises to invest in the productions of Hong Kong directors for release in the Mainland market, and the latter supports co-productions which are rich in Hong Kong and European/Asian cultures through in-depth exchanges and mutual learning with international filmmakers.

"We expect that the local film industry can be benefited from the two new measures to produce more films entering the Mainland and international film markets as well as broadening the vision of Hong Kong filmmakers in these markets. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the Chief Executive for his continued support for the development of the film industry and his active promotion of culture, arts and creative industries," said Dr Wong.