

Film Archive launches "Tales of the Film Stills" exhibition (with photos)

Cinematography and photography are intricately linked, and as a film-based medium they share many techniques and aesthetics. The exhibition, "Tales of the Film Stills", organised by the Hong Kong Film Archive (HKFA) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), is being held from today (November 5) to March 13 next year at the Exhibition Hall of the HKFA, which enables visitors to appreciate the story told by each film still.

The exhibition showcases nearly 100 artefacts, including the earliest surviving film still in the HKFA's collection, film stills of long-lost movies, hand-painted coloured stills, film stills with special effects made by using darkroom techniques and promotional materials made with film stills. Videos of interviews with numerous film still photographers and publicity staff as well as the shooting tools of the photographers and their picks of film stills will also be shown.

In addition, the HKFA has specially created some Instagram filters for visitors to produce their own still photographs by scanning the QR codes at the Exhibition Hall.

To complement the exhibition, the HKFA will hold three seminars which will be conducted in Cantonese. A seminar entitled "The Scenes They Saw Through Their Viewfinder" will be hosted by film still photographers Chow Po-ki, Fong Ho-yuen and Karen Tang on December 18. The other two seminars entitled "A Brief on Photography Lighting" on January 9 next year and "Photography Touch Up on Mobile Phone" on February 12 next year will both be hosted by Douglas Ning, lecturer of the Hong Kong Design Institute. All seminars will be held at 2pm at the HKFA Cinema.

Admission to the exhibition and seminars is free. For details, please call 2739 2139 or visit www.filmarchive.gov.hk/en_US/web/hkfa/pe-event-2021-e-tfs.html.

All persons will be required to use the "LeaveHomeSafe" mobile application to scan the venue QR code before they are allowed to enter offices and venues under the LCSD except for exempted persons who are aged below 12 or aged 65 or above and those with disabilities that render use of the app difficult. Exemptions will also be granted to individual persons depending on the actual circumstances. All exempted persons are required to complete a record form to register their personal particulars and the date and time of their visits. As it will take time to verify personal particulars of exempted persons under the new arrangement, their waiting time for using public services or entering the relevant venues may be lengthened. The LCSD suggests members of the public to arrive early and appeals for their understanding. The department also encourages the exempted persons to use the app as far as possible to save time.

