

Fireboat Alexander Grantham Exhibition Gallery to hold fun day on November 26

The Fireboat Alexander Grantham Exhibition Gallery will hold a fun day next Sunday (November 26). A variety of delightful free programmes will be held to enable members of the public to learn about the history of the fireboat Alexander Grantham and sea rescue services in Hong Kong. Jointly presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) and the Fire Services Department (FSD), the fun day is one of the programmes of Muse Fest HK 2023.

The fun day will be held from 10am to 6pm. Members of the public can visit the fireboat's wheelhouse and take pictures with firefighters. They may also join the "Fireboat Then and Now" guided tour presented by retired firefighters stationed in the fireboat, who will share their stories on the fireboat Alexander Grantham. Other not-to-be-missed programmes include the "Fireboat Water Spray Demonstration" which will take place at 2pm, a fire investigation dog demonstration and the "Making My Own Fireboat Badge" workshop.

The fireboat Alexander Grantham is the first historical vessel preserved in Hong Kong. The Conservation Office of the LCSD will provide activities at the exhibition gallery for the public to understand the conservation of the fireboat.

The fireboat Alexander Grantham went into service in 1953. Before being decommissioned, it served as the flagship of the FSD's fireboat fleet, responding to fire alarms and conducting rescue operations both in Hong Kong waters and along the shoreline. Located at Quarry Bay Park, the Fireboat Alexander Grantham Exhibition Gallery was opened to the public in 2007. The gallery, with an area of around 1 200 square metres, showcases a number of unique firefighting artefacts. It also offers a wealth of information displayed in multimedia formats to enhance visitors' understanding of the marine rescue work in Hong Kong.

For details of the fun day, please visit hk.history.museum/en/web/mh/about-us/fireboat-alexander-grantham-exhibition-gallery.html, or call 3580 6770 for enquiries.