

Fireboat Alexander Grantham Exhibition Gallery to hold fun day this Sunday

The Fireboat Alexander Grantham Exhibition Gallery Fun Day will be held this Sunday (October 27). Through a variety of delightful programmes, members of the public will learn about the history of the fireboat Alexander Grantham and sea rescue services in Hong Kong. Members of the public are invited to attend and admission is free.

The ship's wheelhouse will be open on the Fun Day for visitors to see the original working conditions of the firefighters on board. Participants can also ring the replica of the ship's bronze bell. Other not-to-be-missed activities will include the "Fireboat Elite" jumping bouncer, "Be a Firefighter and Ambulanceman/Ambulancewoman" photo-taking session, "Searching for Facilities On Board" treasure hunt games, a sharing session with retired firefighters who used to work on the fireboat and a live band show by firefighters.

The Fun Day will be held from 10am to 6pm. All programmes will be conducted in Cantonese. A fireboat water spray performance, one of the annual Fun Day highlight programmes, is scheduled to take place at 2pm, together with a bagpipe performance. Members of the public will also be able to enjoy a fire investigation dog performance (the fireboat water spray performance and the fire investigation dog performance are subject to cancellation in case of emergency or rescue mission).

The fireboat Alexander Grantham went into service in 1953. Before being decommissioned in 2002, it served as the flagship of the Hong Kong Fire Services Department's fireboat unit, responding to fire alarms and conducting rescue operations both in Hong Kong waters and along the shoreline. As well as being the first boat preserved as an historical relic in Hong Kong, it is also the largest "Made in Hong Kong" item in the Hong Kong Museum of History's collection.

The above programmes are jointly organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and the Fire Services Department. For details, please visit the website at hk.history.museum/documents/54401/6891890/Firebt.pdf or call 3580 6770.

The Fireboat Alexander Grantham Exhibition Gallery is located at Quarry Bay Park, Hong Kong.