<u>Fresh artistic atmosphere at Victoria</u> Park Arts Corner

A new phase of the Arts Corner in Victoria Park will be launched by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) this Sunday (September 10). Visitors can stroll around a wide array of traditional and trendy handicrafts, and arts services stalls while enjoying their leisure time in the park.

The 22nd phase of the Arts Corner in Victoria Park will run from September 10 until August 25 next year, and will be open from 10am to 6pm on Sundays and public holidays at the Bandstand in the park. The Arts Corner comprises 10 handicrafts and arts services stalls displaying and selling various kinds of handicrafts and artistic works such as fabric crafts, leather goods and ornaments, as well as providing cultural and arts services including photography and calligraphy.

"The Arts Corner aims to enhance the public's interest in arts and enrich the arts atmosphere in Hong Kong. It will also make the park a more appealing and enjoyable place for visitors," a spokesman for the department said.

Apart from Victoria Park, another Arts Corner and an Arts Fun Fair are being held at Hong Kong Park and Kowloon Park respectively.

The 23rd phase of Hong Kong Park's Arts Corner is now open between noon and 6pm every Saturday and Sunday and on public holidays. It will continue until December 31 at the outdoor area near the Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware inside Hong Kong Park. There are 10 stalls in operation including handicraft stalls selling wooden crafts and ornaments, as well as arts stalls providing cultural and arts services including sketching and photography.

The 25th phase of the Arts Fun Fair at Kowloon Park is also open now, from 1pm to 7pm on Sundays and public holidays, until May 26 next year at the park's Loggia. There are 16 stalls displaying and selling craftworks including fabrics and floral ornaments as well as arts services including painting and portrait sketching.

"The Arts Corners have been well received in past years. While taking a break at the Arts Corners, park visitors can also visit other facilities in the parks and spend some pleasant time there," the spokesman said.

For enquiries, please call 2890 5824 (Victoria Park), 2521 5041 (Hong Kong Park) or 2724 3344 (Kowloon Park).