## <u>Giant Panda Naming Competition</u> <u>attracts overwhelming response and</u> <u>Giant Panda Painting Competition to</u> <u>conclude next Friday</u>

â€<To welcome the two giant pandas gifted by the Central Government to the Hong Kong family, the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau (CSTB) announced the launch of the Giant Panda Naming Competition and Giant Panda Painting Competition on October 2. The submission period of the naming competition concluded yesterday (October 27). Over 22 600 submissions were received by the Ocean Park Corporation (Ocean Park), the co-organiser.

A spokesperson for the CSTB said the overwhelming response received for the naming competition shows the public's love for the giant pandas.

Submission period for the painting competition will conclude next Friday (November 8). The spokesperson encourages the public to continue to support and participate in the painting competition by capturing the adorable traits of the giant pandas through artwork. Details of the competition, including the terms and conditions, means for submission of entries, judging criteria and prizes, can be found at the Ocean Park's dedicated website at <a href="https://www.oceanpark.com.hk/en/park-experience/giant-panda-campaign-2024/painting-competition-2024">https://www.oceanpark.com.hk/en/park-experience/giant-panda-campaign-2024/painting-competition-2024</a>.

Results of the two competitions will be announced by the end of this year and winners will be notified individually by correspondence.

The two giant pandas have completed their one-month quarantine in the Ocean Park and are adopting to their new habitat. The CSTB will maintain close communication with experts from the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department and the Ocean Park, and, subject to the health and adaptation conditions of the giant pandas, arrange for them to meet the public by the end of this year.