

Government House open to the public on November 25

Government House will be open to the public on November 25 (Sunday) from 10am to 5pm.

Visitors will be able to view the well-nurtured flowers and trees in the garden and the landscaped area of Government House, and see the places where the Chief Executive holds official functions and receives dignitaries. There will also be guided tours by the Antiquities and Monuments Office on the history and architectural features of the distinguished building.

"On the open day, visitors will be able to enjoy music performances by the Hong Kong Police Band and student ensembles as well as magic shows. Display boards and QR codes will be set up along the visitors' route to share details of the history, architecture and important moments of Government House. Visitors may use their smartphones or other mobile devices with suitable software to browse information about Government House," a government spokesman said.

"For the first time, souvenir chops featuring Government House will be available at specific locations along the visitors' route. Visitors may bring along paper for stamping." (A photo of one of the stamps is attached for reference.)

The spokesman added that as a large number of visitors are anticipated on the day, queuing outside Government House may be stopped before 5pm so that those waiting in the queue can be admitted in time.

Visitors will enter the garden through the east gate on Upper Albert Road and leave through the main gate of Government House. The visitors' routing is one-way only. They are encouraged to arrive by public transport or on foot. Water dispensers will be available at the venue. To care for the environment, no disposable cups will be provided. Visitors are welcome to bring their own bottles.

Visitors may visit the website of Government House (www.ceo.gov.hk/gh/eng) for details of the open day.

Government House is a declared monument under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance.