<u>Heritage Fiesta 2019 to be launched in</u> <u>June</u>

The Heritage Fiesta 2019 will be held from June 1 to July 31, featuring 24 declared monuments and graded historic buildings that were previously, or are still, used as quarters. The public can visit these historic buildings during specific opening hours.

"The event is a great opportunity for the public to appreciate these historic buildings at close proximity to understand their histories and architectural styles. Among the 24 historic buildings, some are still being used as staff or student quarters, while some have been revitalised into platforms promoting nature and ecology, nurturing arts and creativity, as well as providing social services," a spokesman for the Commissioner for Heritage's Office of the Development Bureau said today (May 20).

Free guided tours will be offered at participating historic buildings during the event period on a first-come, first-served basis. Visitors can also collect special stamps at these historic buildings during the specific opening hours.

During the event period, the Heritage Fiesta 2019 pamphlet will be available for free at the participating historic buildings, the Hong Kong Museum of History, the Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre, the Hong Kong Science Museum and the Hong Kong Space Museum in Tsim Sha Tsui, the Hong Kong Heritage Museum in Sha Tin, the Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery cum Heritage Trail Visitors Centre in Yuen Long, the Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum in Mid-Levels, the Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware in Central, temples under the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals and visitor centres of the Hong Kong Tourism Board in Tsim Sha Tsui and at the Peak, as well as Hong Kong International Airport at Chek Lap Kok.

For further information about the Heritage Fiesta 2019, please visit the heritage conservation website (<u>www.heritage.gov.hk/en/whatsnew/events_58.htm</u>) or call 3509 7338.