

“Heritage Fiesta cum Roving Exhibition 2024” to launch in October

The Heritage Fiesta 2024, to be held by the Commissioner for Heritage's Office (CHO) of the Development Bureau from October to November, will feature 11 declared monuments and graded historic buildings, reflecting Hong Kong's prominent role as an East-meets-West cultural hub. A related roving exhibition will be held from October this year to January next year.

A spokesman for the CHO said today (September 17), "Of the declared monuments and graded historic buildings featured in the event, eight are first-time joiners. These historic buildings have rich and diverse cultural backgrounds or demonstrate a blend of Chinese and Western architectural styles. Among them, Bethanie Campus of the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts and Ohel Leah Synagogue have once received honours from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation. We hope to encourage members of the public to explore and appreciate the values and significance of Hong Kong's built heritages as well as their histories and cultures through this event."

The Heritage Fiesta will be held from October 1 to November 30 at the following 11 locations with free guided tours:

- Bethanie Campus, the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (The Bethanie)
- Christ the King Chapel (St. Paul's Convent)
- First Church of Christ, Scientist, Hong Kong
- Former French Mission Building
- Fringe Club (South Block, Old Dairy Farm Depot)
- Hindu Temple in Happy Valley
- HKRep Education Hub (Ex-Portuguese Community School (Escola Camões))
- Jamia Mosque
- Main Building of St. Stephen's Girls' College
- Nos. 88 & 90 Staunton Street
- Ohel Leah Synagogue

Dates and venues of the roving exhibition are as follows:

2024	
October 1-13	Event Hall, UG/F, Citywalk 2, Tsuen Wan
October 15-21	Covered Piazza, Times Square, Causeway Bay
October 15-31	Shui Wo Street Public Library Tiu Keng Leng Public Library

October 26 – November 26	Lobby, 1/F, Immigration Tower, Wan Chai
November 2-14	Lai Chi Kok Public Library Tung Chung Public Library
November 16-30	Tuen Mun Public Library Sheung Shui Public Library
December 2-15	Tai Po Public Library North Kwai Chung Public Library
December 17-30	San Po Kong Public Library Kowloon Public Library
2025	
January 2-14	Chai Wan Public Library Sha Tin Public Library
January 16-27	Cheung Chau Public Library Ngau Chi Wan Public Library

On the first day of the event (October 1), free workshops and a free community music performance will be held at some of the participating historic buildings. To complement the event, public lectures featuring the participating historic buildings will be organised by the Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) at the Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre in Tsim Sha Tsui.

Booklets of the event will be available for free at the aforementioned exhibition venues as well as the following distribution outlets: the Hong Kong Heritage Museum, the Hong Kong Museum of Art, the Hong Kong Museum of the War of Resistance and Coastal Defence, the Hong Kong Museum of History, the Hong Kong Science Museum, the Hong Kong Space Museum, the Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery cum Heritage Trail Visitors Centre, the Sam Tung Uk Museum, PMQ, the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals' temples, visitor centre of the Hong Kong Tourism Board in Tsim Sha Tsui, customer services centres at Hong Kong International Airport, and the venues of the 13 revitalisation projects under Batch I to V of the Revitalising Historic Buildings Through Partnership Scheme (www.heritage.gov.hk/en/revitalisation-scheme/index.html).

For details of the Fiesta and roving exhibition, as well as enrolment of the guided tours/related activities, please refer to the CHO's website and online event booklet (www.heritage.gov.hk/en/about-us/events-and-promotions) and the Instagram page "@HKHeritageLIVE" (www.instagram.com/hkheritagelive/). Details of the public lectures will be available on the website of AMO (www.amo.gov.hk/en/visitor-centre/education-programmes/education-activities/index.html). For enquiries, please call 2906 1559.