

HK SciFest 2019 to nurture STEM culture

The integrated science programme HK SciFest 2019 is running from today (April 12) until April 28, offering over 150 activities to enhance public interest in science and technology. The festival is presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and organised by the Hong Kong Science Museum in collaboration with 94 partners and units, aiming to encourage members of the public to experience the fun of science.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services, Ms Michelle Li, said that the Government has carried out several initiatives to foster innovation and technology development in Hong Kong, under which STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) education is of great importance. With STEM as the theme, this year's edition of the annual HK SciFest aims to deepen public understanding on STEM education and enhance students' interest in science, as well as make contributions to Hong Kong's innovation and technology development.

Other officiating guests included the Chairman of the Science Subcommittee of the Museum Advisory Committee, Professor Ching Pak-chung; the Assistant Director of the Highways (Technical), Mr Ho Yiu-kwong; the Director of the Interdisciplinary Programs Office and Acting Dean of Students of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Professor Chow King-lau; and the Museum Director of the Hong Kong Science Museum, Ms Paulina Chan.

To tie in with the theme, the Hong Kong Science Museum will turn into a STEM hub during the Easter holidays to provide members of the public with a series of remarkable STEM-themed activities. In addition, Croucher Science Week will continue to take place this year, with science communicators from the UK, the US and Australia joining local Croucher Scholars to present interesting science drama shows and workshops. Members of the public are also welcome to join the Fun Science Carnival to enjoy science in a light-hearted way.

Other fun-filled activities of the festival include field visits, exhibitions, guided tours, science workshops, science drama shows, lectures, science film shows, experiment classes and science competitions. The wide range of topics covers life sciences, chemistry, mathematics and physics, technology and engineering, Earth sciences and climatology, astronomy and space technology, and interdisciplinary programmes.

For details on activities and enrolment procedures under HK SciFest 2019, please visit the website at www.hk.science.museum/scifest2019/web/?lang=en&text=0.