

HKETO, Brussels promotes Hong Kong cinema at the Asian Summer Film Festival in Vic, Spain

The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Brussels (HKETO, Brussels) and Create Hong Kong are supporting the 18th Asian Summer Film Festival in Vic, Spain, from July 20 to July 25.

A total of eight Hong Kong productions or co-productions including six films from 2020 and 2021 and two films from the 90's are being screened. They are mainly action films and include Alan Fung's "Elisa's Day", Chiu Sin-Hang's "One Second Champion", Alan Yuen's "The Rookies", Jamie Luk's "Robotrix", Glenn Chan's "Shadows", and Herman Yau's "Shock Wave 2". Wong Jing's "The Saint of Gamblers" pays tribute to late Hong Kong actor Ng Man Tat. The festival programme also includes Jimmy Wan's "Zero to Hero", which is a biopic based on the true story of So Wa-wai, an athlete who represented Hong Kong in five Paralympic Games.

On the Festival's Hong Kong Day on July 22, three of the above films were screened and the festival gave a special honorary award to Hong Kong actor Andy Lau for his professional career in the film industry. HKETO, Brussels also hosted a Hong Kong reception for the media, representatives from local authorities and international guests.

Speaking to the guests at the Hong Kong reception and at the Hong Kong Night in a pre-recorded message, the acting Deputy Representative of HKETO, Brussels, Ms Carol Tsang, said that HKETO, Brussels was delighted to support the festival and bring Hong Kong films to the Spanish audience despite the pandemic and the travel restrictions. She also highlighted that Hong Kong has one of the largest and most dynamic film entertainment industries in the world which can flourish because of Hong Kong's international culture and a solid legal system that protects the intellectual property rights of artists and producers.

The Asian Summer Film Festival is celebrating its 18th edition this year. It is one of the major film festivals that brings Hong Kong films to the European audience.