HKETO, Brussels supports Hong Kong films at Far East Film Festival in Udine, Italy (with photo)

The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Brussels (HKETO, Brussels), together with Create Hong Kong, the Film Development Fund (FDF) and the Hong Kong International Film Festival Society, supported the screening of Hong Kong films at the 26th Far East Film Festival (FEFF) in Udine, Italy from April 24 to May 2 (Udine time).

At the 26th FEFF, international audiences in Italy are being treated to a special selection of films titled "Making Waves – Navigators of Hong Kong Cinema" ("Making Waves"), which showcases films from both the established and the new and emerging talents. The "Making Waves" featured nine recently released Hong Kong films with Customs Frontline by Hong Kong director Herman Yau closing the FEFF. The Hong Kong film industry was well-represented in FEFF by the many directors, producers, screenwriters and actors from Hong Kong.

Speaking at the Hong Kong Film Night on April 27, the Deputy Representative of the HKETO, Brussels, Miss Fiona Li, highlighted the efforts of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government in supporting Hong Kong's creative industries and further strengthening Hong Kong's role as a bridge between East and West for international cultural exchanges.

Miss Li said that an amount of EUR 165 million will be injected into the Film Development Fund as announced in the 2024-25 Budget. Aimed at further facilitating international collaboration and elevating Hong Kong cinema on the global stage, FDF has recently launched a Hong Kong-Europe-Asian Film Collaboration Funding Scheme to provide funding support to eligible film projects co-produced by filmmakers between Hong Kong and European/Asian countries.

The FEFF is one of the largest film festivals in Europe, showcasing the latest productions from Asia and receiving significant national and international interest from the film industry, cultural sector and media. This year, a total of 79 movies from 12 countries/regions are screened in the FEFF.