

HKETO Jakarta supports Hong Kong comic artists at Malaysia Hong Kong International Comic Week (with photos)

The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, Jakarta (HKETO Jakarta) supported the participation of five Hong Kong comic artists in the Malaysia Hong Kong International Comic Week in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to promote Hong Kong's creative industries and talent.

The Malaysia Hong Kong International Comic Week, which is being held in Kuala Lumpur from May 1 to 12, exhibits over 180 original artworks with varied styles and genres from 10 comic artists from Hong Kong and Malaysia. During the event, comic artists will participate in various exchange sessions, drawing demonstrations and autograph sessions to promote exchanges between the comic industries of both places.

Addressing the opening ceremony today (May 2), the Director-General of the HKETO Jakarta, Miss Libera Cheng, said that the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region has long been supporting the development of cultural and creative industries, and is committed to developing Hong Kong into an East-meets-West centre for international cultural exchange. Sponsored by Create Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Comics Support Programme has entered its third edition this year. The programme aims at supporting and nurturing Hong Kong comic artists and comic start-ups, thereby allowing local comic artists to showcase their talent and creativity on the international stage.

She added that the exhibition not only provides a great opportunity for the public to appreciate the original artworks of comic artists, but also showcases the unique creativity and vitality of Hong Kong's talent in creative industries. She was also delighted to learn that many works by Hong Kong comic artists have been translated into Malay and released in Malaysia, and receiving favourable response.

Other guests at the opening ceremony included the Deputy Minister of Communications of Malaysia, Ms Teo Nie Ching, and the Chief Executive Officer of the Malaysia Digital Economy Corporation, Mr Mahadhir Aziz.

