

HKETONY promotes Hong Kong films in Chicago (with photos)

The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in New York (HKETONY) is partnering with Asian Pop-Up Cinema (APUC) again to promote Hong Kong cinema and showcase film talents in Chicago. APUC yesterday (March 26, Chicago time) presented a Career Achievement Award to veteran Hong Kong actress Nina Paw.

Speaking at the award ceremony, the Director of HKETONY, Ms Joanne Chu, paid tribute to Paw's distinguished television and film career, spanning more than five decades. Ms Chu said Hong Kong is one of the world's largest film and television content exporters, and underlined that the industry is blessed with a wealth of talent such as seasoned film veterans like Paw and at the same time rising young talent.

Ms Chu also highlighted the Government's support for local films, pointing out that in the 2019-20 Budget, an additional US\$128 million has been injected into the Film Development Fund to facilitate its long-term development. The number of winning teams for the next First Feature Film Initiative will also double from three to six, with a funding increase of about 50 per cent.

In addition to supporting the screening of "Show Me Your Love" starring Nina Paw, HKETONY will also be supporting the Chicago premieres of two other Hong Kong films, namely the Closing Night film "Tracey" on April 24 (Chicago time) and "Still Human", a winning project of the First Feature Film Initiative, on May 13 (Chicago time).

Aside from film events, HKETONY will bolster arts and culture ties and exchanges between Hong Kong and Chicago with the debut performance of the Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra in a summer outdoor concert at Millennium Park in Chicago on August 18 (Chicago time).



