## Hong Kong-Europe-Asian Film Collaboration Funding Scheme opens for application

The following is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Film Development Council:

The Hong Kong-Europe-Asian Film Collaboration Funding Scheme (HKEA Scheme) under the Film Development Fund (FDF) is open for application from today (June 28) to November 22.

Announced in "The Chief Executive's 2023 Policy Address", the HKEA Scheme aims to subsidise film projects co-produced by filmmakers from European and Asian countries to produce films featuring Hong Kong, European and Asian cultures. This would help promising Hong Kong filmmakers broaden their regional cultural horizons, achieve in-depth exchanges and learning thereby enabling Hong Kong films to go global.

The Chairman of the Hong Kong Film Development Council (FDC), Dr Wilfred Wong, said, "The Hong Kong-Asian Film Collaboration Funding Scheme has been expanded to the HKEA Scheme. We hope that the HKEA Scheme can help Hong Kong filmmakers produce more films with an international perspective and expand into overseas markets."

The HKEA Scheme is the second phase of the co-production funding scheme after the launch of the Hong Kong-Asian Film Collaboration Funding Scheme. A maximum of six films will be subsidised under the HKEA Scheme. Each approved film project will receive a grant of up to \$9 million.

Under the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau, the Cultural and Creative Industries Development Agency is committed to supporting the sustainable development of the film industry through the FDC and FDF. A \$1.4 billion injection has been made into the FDF as announced in the 2024-25 Budget.

Details of the HKEA Scheme and the relevant application form are available on the website of the FDC (<a href="https://www.fdc.gov.hk/en/eafcfs">www.fdc.gov.hk/en/eafcfs</a>).