

[Hong Kong films take centre stage in New York \(with photos\)](#)

Supported by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, New York (HKETONY), Hong Kong films took centre stage at the 23rd New York Asian Film Festival (NYAFF) with an impressive line-up of 11 films across various genres under the ["Hong Kong Panorama" film series](#), including two world premieres and four North American premieres.

Among others, the multitalented Hong Kong entertainer Nicholas Tse was presented with the prestigious Star Asia Award on July 17 (New York time) for his dedication and breakthrough performances over the years.

The HKETONY hosted a special reception for Tse before the award presentation ceremony and the North American premiere of his latest work "Customs Frontline", which marks his debut as an action choreographer. He was cheered by a full house at the Walter Reade Theater of Film at Lincoln Center.

Congratulating Tse, the Director of HKETONY, Ms Maisie Ho, said his outstanding performances in various roles have captivated audiences around the world and are testaments to the depth and versatility of Hong Kong's talent and films.

"Building on our rich film legacy and tradition, our talented filmmakers continue to innovate and explore new genres, as they seek to transcend borders with their visionary approach and versatile performances that exemplify a unique blend of artistry, innovation, and unparalleled cinematic experience," Ms Ho said.

She added that the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government continues to support the development of Hong Kong's film industry through various initiatives, including enhancing local film production, nurturing talent, expanding markets and audiences globally.

This year's "Hong Kong Panorama" is showcasing three films that have received such support. "Fly Me to the Moon" and "Love Lies" are winners of the Hong Kong Film Development Council's 6th First Feature Film Initiative, while "Inexternal" received support under the Film Production Financing Scheme.

Earlier in the week, the NYAFF bestowed the Star Asia Lifetime Achievement Award on veteran actor Tai Bo. An indispensable presence in Hong Kong cinema, Tai Bo's natural on-screen talent has earned him numerous awards. The New York audience had the chance to see his riveting performances in "All Shall Be Well" and "Twilight Kiss", along with "For Alice" at the festival.

The NYAFF has also selected "Twilight of the Warriors: Walled In", one of Hong Kong's most-watched films of all times, as its closing film of the season, to be shown on July 28. The film is a testament to Hong Kong's martial arts and action choreographic excellence. The screening will be the North American premiere of the film.

Aside from Tse and Tai Bo, other filmmakers in attendance at the NYAFF include actor Philip Ng; actresses Patra Au, Josie Ho and Kuku So; directors Chow Kam-wing, Sasha Chuk, Ho Miu-ki, Ray Yeung; producer John Chong; and screenwriter Lam Tsz-ki.

