

[Hong Kong Space Museum Launches new sky show "HAYABUSA2~REBORN" \(with photos\)](#)

The new sky show "HAYABUSA2~REBORN" will be screened at the Hong Kong Space Museum's Space Theatre from January 1 (Saturday). The show will let audiences follow Japan's unmanned probe Hayabusa2 on its 3.2 billion-kilometre journey to the asteroid Ryugu with the mission of helping scientists understand the origins of life.

In order to study the formation of the solar system, the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency launched the unmanned probe Hayabusa in 2003 to reach the asteroid Itokawa and collect rock samples. Hayabusa succeeded in returning collected asteroid samples back to Earth for the first time ever in human history. To continue the Hayabusa mission, Hayabusa2 was sent to the asteroid Ryugu in 2014 to collect samples that might contain water and organic matter, the essential elements for life, and could shed light on the origins of life on Earth.

The new sky show "HAYABUSA2~REBORN" describes the dire situation of Hayabusa2 when the probe, upon its arrival at the asteroid Ryugu, found that the terrain was more rugged than expected and left no place to touch down. To complete the mission, Hayabusa2 had to bring the asteroid samples back to Earth against all odds.

The 44-minute show will screen until September 30 next year. Screening times are 5pm on weekdays and 11am, 3.30pm and 8pm on weekends and public holidays. The Hong Kong Space Museum, located at 10 Salisbury Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon, is closed on Tuesdays (except public holidays).

Tickets priced at \$24 (front stalls) and \$32 (stalls) are now available at the Hong Kong Space Museum Box Office and URB TIX (www.urbtix.hk). For details of the show, please visit hk.space.museum/en_US/web/spm/spacetheatre/skyshow.html, or call 2721 0226 for enquiries.

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public arrive early, and appeals for their understanding. The department also encourages the exempted persons to use the app as far as possible to save time.

