## Hong Kong Youth Chinese Orchestra to present beauty of Chinese culture with fine music

The Hong Kong Youth Chinese Orchestra (HKYCO) of the Music Office under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will hold its annual concert, "Voyage  $\cdot$  Rainbow  $\cdot$  Dream of Red Chamber", at 7.30pm on December 1 (Sunday) at the Auditorium of Sha Tin Town Hall to present several distinctive Chinese music pieces to the audience.

The concert will be conducted by Music Office instructors Kwok Kin-ming and Cheung Wai-fung. Hua Yijie, an emerging sheng musician and master's degree student in the Department of Chinese Music of the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, will serve as the guest sheng soloist to perform the concerto "Rainbow" with the HKYCO, showcasing the unique charm of Chinese culture.

Other highlights include "The Voyage", a majestic and affecting chapter selected from Law Wai-lun's symphonic poem "Admiral of the Seven Seas"; a suite titled "The Dream of the Red Chamber", inspired by the classic Chinese novel of the same name, illustrating the enduring charm of this literary masterpiece with its mesmerising melody; and Kuan Nai-chung's "Festival Overture" and Kwok Hang-kei's "The Night of the Torch Festival", which depict the joyful vibe of festivals and were commissioned by the Music Office.

Established in 1978, the HKYCO has around 90 members aged 25 and below. The HKYCO frequently performs at various major local events. It also plays the role of a music ambassador for Hong Kong and has toured the Mainland and overseas for music exchange concerts, receiving high acclaim.

Tickets priced at \$70, \$90 and \$115 are now available at URBTIX (<a href="www.urbtix.hk">www.urbtix.hk</a>). For telephone bookings, please call 3166 1288. For programme enquiries, please call 2796 1003 or 3842 7784 or visit <a href="www.lcsd.gov.hk/musicoffice">www.lcsd.gov.hk/musicoffice</a>.

The concert is one of the activities in the Chinese Culture Promotion Series. The LCSD has long been promoting Chinese history and culture through organising an array of programmes and activities to enable the public to learn more about the broad and profound Chinese culture. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/ccpo/index.html">www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/ccpo/index.html</a>.