

ICHO to hold ICH exhibition and activities in Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China – Sik Sik Yuen Intangible Cultural Heritage Lantern Festival to promote Chinese culture (with photos)

â€‹To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, Sik Sik Yuen is hosting the Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China – Sik Sik Yuen Intangible Cultural Heritage Lantern Festival between September 15 and October 6. The Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) Office under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, and Wong Tai Sin District Office collaborated with Sik Sik Yuen to organise an exhibition to introduce 12 ICH items inscribed on the National List of ICH from Hong Kong. ICH bearer organisations from Hong Kong and the Mainland are also invited to showcase their unique ICH items through performances, showcasing and promoting the excellence of Chinese culture.

The exhibition will take place from today until October 6 at the Fung Ming Hall of Wong Tai Sin Temple, introducing Hong Kong's items inscribed on the National List of ICH, which include Cantonese opera, Wong Tai Sin belief and customs, Mid-Autumn Festival – the Tai Hang fire dragon dance, Hakka unicorn dance in Hang Hau, Sai Kung, Quanzhen Temples Taoist ritual music, Tai O dragon boat water parade, Cheung Chau Jiao Festival, the arts of the guqin (the craft of qin making), Yu Lan Festival of Hong Kong Chiu Chow community, herbal tea, Hong Kong cheongsam making technique and Tin Hau Festival in Hong Kong. Members of the public can learn more about traditional Chinese culture through the exhibition.

In addition to the exhibition, over 20 ICH bearer organisations from Hong Kong and the Mainland will deliver nearly 100 performances at the Wong Tai Sin Temple Square, showcasing unique and invaluable ICH performing arts to the public. They include Cantonese opera, face-changing of Sichuanese opera, fire dragon dance, lion and dragon dance, unicorn dance, pixiu dance, Hong Kong martial arts, puppet shows, Nanyin and more.

Other Lantern Festival programmes include lectures on intangible cultural heritage with different themes, exploring topics related to the display of ICH, the origins and changes of Wong Tai Sin belief and customs, and the analysis of Cantonese opera drama script. Moreover, there will be workshops and demonstrations hosted by different ICH bearers from Hong Kong

and the Mainland, including Wudang martial arts, puppet shows and Cantonese opera movements. They will also demonstrate the technique on sugar-blowing, Hong Kong-style milk tea making, heritage restoration and birdcage craftsmanship. Together with a drone show, and an open day at Wong Tai Sin Temple, the festival allows the public to experience the unique charm of Chinese culture.

Pre-registration is not required for any events, and admission is free. For more event details, please visit www.icho.hk/en/web/icho/sik_sik_yuen_ich_lantern_festival.html.

