

Instrumental Music Training Scheme intermediate and advanced year-one courses start recruitment

The Instrumental Music Training Scheme (IMTS), organised by the Music Office of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, is now recruiting intermediate year-one and advanced year-one trainees for 2020-21. The deadline for applications is June 1.

The IMTS provides training in a wide variety of string, wind and Chinese musical instruments including violin, viola, cello, double bass, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, trumpet, French horn, trombone, percussion, pipa, sheng, suona and yangqin. Courses on musicianship and music theory are also included.

One-hour group lessons, conducted in Cantonese, are held once a week at the Music Office's five music centres in Wan Chai, Kwun Tong, Mong Kok, Sha Tin and Tsuen Wan. Annual tuition fees of \$3,377 for intermediate level and \$4,312 for advanced level are payable in four instalments.

Online applications are available at www.lcsd.gov.hk/musicoffice. Course pamphlets and application forms are now available at all Music Office music centres. Applicants must have attained the required music qualifications. Qualified applicants will receive the details of the recorded video audition by June 12, and the submission deadline for the audition video will be June 30. Applicants will be notified of the results in early August and the training will commence in early September.

In view of the class suspension made necessary by the COVID-19 epidemic, the current instrumental training scheme will be extended to July next year to ensure the learning progress of trainees. Thus, this recruitment for intermediate year-one and advanced year-one trainees serves primarily to fill existing vacancies.

For enquiries, please call the Music Office's music centres at 2802 0657 (Wan Chai), 2796 2893 (Kwun Tong), 2399 2200 (Mong Kok), 2158 6462 (Sha Tin) and 2417 6429 (Tsuen Wan).