Intangible Cultural Heritage Funding Scheme 2024 opens for application

The new round of the Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) Funding Scheme under the ICH Office of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department is open for application from today (December 10).

The funding scheme consists of the Community-driven Projects 2024 and the Partnership Projects 2024, and is inviting applications from local organisations and individuals with relevant experience. The objectives of the ICH Funding Scheme are to strengthen the safeguarding, research, education, promotion and transmission of local ICH items; to support the transmission of ICH by local bearers and bearer organisations; to engage the participation of the community in safeguarding local ICH; and to enhance public awareness, understanding and respect with regard to local ICH.

The scope of support of the Community-driven Projects 2024 covers projects related to the items in the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Hong Kong and the Intangible Cultural Heritage Inventory of Hong Kong. For the Partnership Projects 2024, applications are invited for four projects, namely Survey and Research for Enriching the Intangible Cultural Heritage Inventory of Hong Kong; Creative ICH Student Leaders; ICH @ Schools; and "Meet the Masters" Series.

The Guide to Application and application forms of the ICH Funding Scheme are available on the website of the ICH Office (www.icho.hk/en/web/icho/ich_funding_scheme_application.html). Applicants could submit the completed application forms and relevant supporting documents in person to the Hong Kong Intangible Cultural Heritage Centre (Sam Tung Uk Museum, 2 Kwu Uk Lane, Tsuen Wan, New Territories), or submit application documents via the website of GovHK (<u>eform.cefs.gov.hk/form/lcs118/en/</u>). The deadline for application is noon on January 27, 2025 (Monday). For enquiries, please contact the ICH Office at 2267 1971.

A briefing session will be held at 3pm on December 23 (Monday) at the Lecture Hall of the Hong Kong Museum of History (G/F, 100 Chatham Road South, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon) to brief interested organisations and individuals on the content and application details of the Funding Scheme. For registration of the briefing session, please visit the website of the ICH Office.