

Lantern carnival at Victoria Park celebrates Mid-Autumn Festival (with photos)

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is tonight (September 24) holding the lantern carnival at Victoria Park, featuring a series of entertainment programmes and spectacular lantern displays to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival.

Dazzling lanterns and lighting installations with the theme of "Full Moon across the Universe" are on display at Victoria Park and have become hotspots for photo-taking. Inspired by the wormhole concept, the interactive installation "Time Expressions" is made up of a space tunnel and a giant water vortex with lighting and sound effects to evoke thoughts of time travel.

Another installation, "Cassiopeia Constellation", is a structure of bamboo-made stellated dodecahedrons showcasing lanterns crafted by local students. Equally well received is the exhibition of some 90 colourful handmade bat-shaped lanterns by a local craftsman, demonstrating the craftsmanship of traditional paper crafting.

Members of the public are also enjoying the various types of entertainment at the carnival. These include a star-gazing corner delivering astronomy talks, documentary screenings and star-gazing activities. Other festive programmes including spectacular Chinese ethnic dances, songs and acrobatic shows, folk craft demonstrations, a choral performance, children's theatre performances, a green creative market and a lantern riddle quiz also boost the fun of the carnival.

This year, the LCSD has continued to co-operate with the Tai Hang Residents' Welfare Association in bringing the Tai Hang Fire Dragon Dance, a local item inscribed on the national list of intangible cultural heritage, into Victoria Park as a grand finale of the carnival.

The LCSD will hold another lantern carnival tomorrow (September 25) from 7.30pm to 10pm at Tuen Mun Park, showcasing a variety of entertainment and festive lanterns.

Meanwhile, a lighting installation entitled "To the Moon" is on display at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre Piazza until October 1. The installation features two miniature trains that depart from the former Kowloon-Canton Railway terminus and travel through more than 300 boxes containing moon stories created by local families to tell unique family tales.

People are urged not to litter or burn wax while celebrating the festival.

For more information on the above programmes, please visit the website:
www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/eo/territoryevents/midautumnlantern/midAutumn2018.html.

