

Lantern festival to open at Tung Chung Promenade tomorrow (with photos)

The Sustainable Lantau Office (SLO) under the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) will hold the "Flying to the Moon and Chasing our Dreams" Lantern Festival at Tung Chung East Promenade from tomorrow (September 8) to September 22 to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival with the public.

With an astral theme, the layout of the Lantern Festival is designed by veteran film director and contemporary artist Mr William Kan. On display at the promenade will be a 6-metre-tall rocket with a space rabbit, a large luminous moon chair, decorative lights featuring eight planets and adorable rabbits, as well as lanterns created by hundreds of kindergarten and primary school students. There will also be a 12-metre-wide "Dreams Come True" space, with animations on a giant screen to create the atmosphere of a space journey. The lighting hours are from 7pm to 10pm daily, and will be extended to midnight and 11pm on the Mid-Autumn Festival Day and the following day (September 17 and 18) respectively.

To echo the theme of the Lantern Festival, an exhibition entitled "Space Exploration and Innovation Technology" will be held to introduce the country's aerospace development and Hong Kong's participation, as well as the CEDD's applications of innovative technology.

On the Mid-Autumn Festival Day and the following day, a number of free activities will take place at the Lantern Festival, including creative digital photography experience, street magic shows, lantern riddles, booth games and snack distribution, to celebrate the festival with the public. The opening hours of the Tung Chung Community Liaison Centre at the promenade will also be extended to 10pm during the Lantern Festival. Members of the public are welcome to visit.

For details of the Lantern Festival, please visit the SLO's website at www.lantau.gov.hk/en/whatsnew/index-id-218.html.

