

Launch ceremony of “Window of Shenzhen” at Hong Kong Central Library held today

A "Window of Shenzhen" dedicated bookshelf will be set up in the General Reference department on the ninth floor of the Hong Kong Central Library (HKCL) in the first quarter of 2025, featuring over 200 publications selected and donated by the Shenzhen Library to enable members of the public to learn more about Shenzhen. The launch ceremony of "Window of Shenzhen" was held today (December 11) at the HKCL, and an exhibition titled "Window of Shenzhen" is being held from today to January 7, 2025, at the Cultural and Historical Resources Corner on the eighth floor of the HKCL.

Through the exhibition, book display and a dedicated bookshelf, the HKCL aims to enable patrons to gain a deeper understanding of the history, culture and development of Shenzhen in "Window of Shenzhen", which also marks a further strengthening of cultural interaction and exchange between Hong Kong and Shenzhen.

With photos and texts, the exhibition briefs visitors on the history, reform and opening up, cultural integration, nature and ecology of Shenzhen, as well as shared heritage between Shenzhen and Hong Kong, showcasing the richness, openness and innovations of Shenzhen. Selected landmark works in various fields donated by the Shenzhen Library are also on display at the exhibition.

The publications in the upcoming "Window of Shenzhen" dedicated bookshelf cover a wide range of topics that showcase the characteristics of Shenzhen, including history, political and economic development, folk culture, natural environment, tourism resources, and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong relationship. There are also books published by the Shenzhen Library and the Culture, Media, Tourism and Sports Bureau of Shenzhen Municipality for public reading and research reference.

Addressing the ceremony, the Director of the Shenzhen Library, Ms Zhang Yan, said that libraries have an integral role to play in promoting cultural exchange between the two places. The HKCL is the largest library with the greatest range of services in the Hong Kong Public Libraries network. The "Window of Shenzhen" dedicated bookshelf at the HKCL can further facilitate public understanding of Shenzhen's culture, history and development through the publications.

The Chief Librarian of the HKCL, Miss Melinda Lee, said at the ceremony that the establishment of the "Window of Shenzhen" dedicated bookshelf at the Hong Kong Central Library is not only a showcase of culture but also a symbol of friendship between Shenzhen and Hong Kong. It is hoped that public libraries in both places will continue to maintain close ties and create more

opportunities for collaboration in the future to jointly promote cultural exchange and development between the two cities.

For details of the exhibition "Window of Shenzhen", please visit:
www.hkpl.gov.hk/en/extension-activities/event-detail/267865/window-of-shenzhen.