

LCSD to present signature events in celebration of HKSAR 25th anniversary

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will host a wealth of cultural, arts, recreational and sports programmes from May to the end of 2022 to celebrate with members of the public the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China.

The Hong Kong Jockey Club Series (HKJC Series) and some of the programmes are among the initiatives exclusively supported by the Hong Kong Jockey Club's approved donation of \$630 million to the Government to mark the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR.

Arts and culture

Various HKJC Series and large-scale exhibitions will be staged in the LCSD's museums starting from May including the anamorphic illusion projection works (also called "naked eye 3D") and installations with arts and technology incorporated at the new extension of the Oi! art space; the exhibition "The Big Eight – Dinosaur Revelation", showcasing precious dinosaur fossil skeletons; "Dunhuang: Enchanting Tales for Millennium", displaying the arts and culture of Dunhuang grottoes; and the exhibition "The Road to the Baroque – Masterpieces from the Capodimonte Museum", showing visitors top-notch Italian paintings from the Baroque period. Audiences will be able to explore the world of Chinese landscape paintings through modern technology in "Mastering Masterpieces: The Essentials of Chinese Landscape Paintings", and "Women and Femininity in Ancient China: Treasures from the Nanjing Museum ", showcasing feminine characteristics and daily lives in ancient China (for exhibition dates and details, see Attachment 1).

The LCSD will also work with private organisations K11 Group, Kerry Group and Sino Group to present the project "Art@Harbour" and set up multiple outdoor art installations and a digital art façade along the promenades of Victoria Harbour. Under the project "Art@Harbour", the LCSD will present "The Hong Kong Jockey Club Series: Science in Art", in which a series of art installations with the theme of science will be displayed in the Tamar Park area, while the three private organisations will feature art installations created by various artists at the Tsim Sha Tsui and Hung Hom promenade.

In addition to holding large-scale exhibitions, the LCSD will bring audiences a wide spectrum of performing arts programmes including a concert screening of the London Philharmonic Orchestra, Cantonese opera programmes, Hong Kong Ballet's Cinderella adapted from the classical fairy tale, inspiring art-tech programmes under the International Arts Carnival and the New Vision Arts Festival, carnivals, and more (see Attachment 2). To commemorate the 60th anniversary of Hong Kong City Hall (HKCH) and showcase

the cultural achievements of the Government over the past six decades, HKCH together with the Hong Kong Museum of Art and the Hong Kong Public Libraries will organise various celebration activities (see Attachment 3).

Recreational activities

Blossom Around Town

The LCSD will hold the Blossom Around Town programme to carry out beautification works at 48 prominent locations and parks from June to October. The beautification works will include large floral displays, floral walls, a Jurassic maze garden, themed garden displays and enhancements of roadside amenity areas with colourful flowers and signature plants with ornamental value to enhance the landscape across the territory.

Happy@Parks

The LCSD is organising a series of Happy@Parks activities. Each is fun, with distinctive characteristics (see Attachment 4) and will be held from June to December in LCSD parks across the territory to allow users to experience the parks' vibrant and joyful atmosphere with their family members through joining a variety of recreational activities and games during holidays.

Sports activities

Apart from the Sport For All Day 2022 to be held on August 7, the LCSD will on July 1 hold the "25th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR – Free Use of Leisure Facilities" to encourage people of all ages to form the habit of exercising. On the event day, most of the fee-charging leisure facilities under the LCSD will be open for free use by the public. Also, the LCSD will organise roving sports demonstrations for all to be held in shopping malls or performance venues on weekends in June and July. Each demonstration will feature one thematic type of sport including dance, wushu, rope skipping and physical fitness exercise to promote the health benefits of regular exercise.

Meanwhile, the LCSD has invited an illustrator to design a board game with the theme of celebration activities, and adapt the board game to a floor sticker that will be displayed at nine LCSD leisure and cultural venues (see Attachment 5) starting from mid-June for public enjoyment. The LCSD will also launch a souvenir redemption scheme for members of the public who participate in various celebration activities of the department to redeem the limited edition of the board game as a souvenir.

For details of the LCSD activities in celebration of the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR, please visit the department's dedicated website www.25A-LCSDevents.gov.hk.