

LCSD's Cantonese Opera Day organises diverse activities to celebrate 20th anniversary today (with photos)

The annual Cantonese Opera Day, presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), celebrated its 20th anniversary today (November 27) with an array of free activities at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre (HKCC) and the Hong Kong Space Museum, attracting 5 000 visitors taking part in the event.

One of the programmes "Cantonese Opera Excerpts and Cantonese Operatic Songs" was staged at the Concert Hall of the HKCC in which young Cantonese opera talents as well as winners of the Hong Kong Schools Music Festival Cantonese Opera Competition took turns to perform classic excerpts and familiar duet and solo pieces. The distinctive performance received rounds of applause from the audiences.

To enable participants to learn more about Cantonese opera, a world intangible cultural heritage item, from multiple perspectives, a number of talks and demonstration sessions were held during this year's Cantonese Opera Day, covering areas such as Cantonese opera make-up, costumes, percussion and traditional Cantonese singing. In addition, the "Cantonese Opera in Hong Kong" exhibition, co-ordinated by the Hong Kong Heritage Museum, was held at the Foyer Exhibition Area to introduce the local development and evolution of Cantonese opera over the years. These different types of educational and recreational activities have allowed Cantonese opera lovers and participants of all ages to spend a fun-filled Sunday together.

Various Cantonese opera related programmes such as film screenings, Cantonese opera performances and an exhibition were held at the same time at various LCSD venues (including the Hong Kong Film Archive, Ko Shan Theatre and the Red Brick Building) in support of the Cantonese Opera Day to share the joy and promote the art of Cantonese opera to the general public.



