

Local museums to offer online visits in support of International Museum Day

In support of International Museum Day (IMD), the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will hold International Museum Day 2020, Hong Kong (IMD 2020, HK) on May 16 and 17 (Saturday and Sunday). Some 40 local cultural institutions, including the LCSD's museums and cultural venues, will enrich their online platforms to provide members of the public with other exciting and refreshing ways to "visit" and experience the institutions and venues.

With the theme "Museums for Equality: Diversity and Inclusion", International Museum Day 2020 aims at becoming a rallying point to both celebrate the diversity of perspectives that make up the communities and personnel of museums and champion tools for identifying and overcoming bias in what they display and the stories they tell.

The 42 participating local cultural institutions are the 18 LCSD museums and cultural venues, the AFCD Lions Nature Education Centre, the Art Museum of the Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), the Asia Society Hong Kong Center, City Gallery, the CUHK Jockey Club Museum of Climate Change, Heritage of Mei Ho House, the Hong Kong Correctional Services Museum, the Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre, the Hong Kong Maritime Museum, the Hong Kong Museum of Education of the Education University of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Museum of Medical Sciences, the Hong Kong Racing Museum, the Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery cum Heritage Trail Visitors Centre, the Po Leung Kuk Museum, the Police Museum, the Stephen Hui Geological Museum of the University of Hong Kong (HKU), the Tao Heung Museum of Food Culture, the Tung Wah Museum and the University Museum and Art Gallery of HKU, as well as five new participating units, namely CHAT (Centre for Heritage, Arts and Textile), the Liang Yi Museum, the M+ Pavilion, the Sun Museum and Tai Kwun.

Due to the COVID-19 situation, all participating institutions and venues of IMD 2020, HK have put on corresponding online activities and resources such as pamphlets, audio guides and multimedia programmes. Members of the public can stay at home to discover the wonderful stories and enjoy diverse and inclusive museum experiences. In addition, some participating institutions and venues will partially open and offer free admission to the public. For details, please visit the website at www.museums.gov.hk/en_US/web/portal/imd2020.html.

The LCSD has held events in Hong Kong annually in support of IMD since 2001. The International Council of Museums designated May 18 as IMD in 1977 to raise public awareness of the important role that museums play in society.