

## More than 100 zisha items on display in “Tea Ware from Yixing: Gems of Zisha in The K.S. Lo Collection of the Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware” exhibition (with photos)

The Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware will present a new exhibition, "Tea Ware from Yixing: Gems of Zisha in The K.S. Lo Collection of the Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware", from tomorrow (May 22). Featuring more than 100 items of zisha ware, the exhibition showcases works by renowned teapot makers of the Ming and Qing dynasties and the 20th century, as well as demonstrates the diverse aspects of the art of zisha pottery.

Dr Lo Kwee-seong began to collect tea ware in the 1950s. He generously donated his collection to the former Urban Council of Hong Kong in 1981, prompting the founding of the Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware.

Zisha ware flourished in the Ming and Qing dynasties. After the late Ming dynasty, more members of the literati participated directly in the production of zisha teapots, creating a specialism that comprised shaping, poems and lyrics, calligraphy, painting, seal engraving and sculpture in a single form factor. Through the display of various types of zisha ware from different periods, ranging from zisha tea ware, writing instruments and snuff bottles to pottery pillows and small ornaments, the exhibition demonstrates the individuality and contemporary appeal of zisha pottery, as well as the creativity of the contemporary Yixing potters.

Highlight exhibits include a pear-shaped export teapot from the Qing dynasty, as well as a globular teapot with a rounded shoulder, a teapot with a dragon handle and three legs and a mango-shaped coloured clay teapot from the 20th century.

To ensure visitors of all ages can enjoy a wonderful experience of zisha art and the literati way of life, a demonstration video of how to make a zisha teapot by Hong Kong ceramic artist Wong May-lee and an education corner featuring the setting of a study of a member of the literati have been set up inside galleries.

The exhibition will be held at the 1/F Galleries of the Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware and will run until July 31 next year. For details of the exhibition, please visit the website at [www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/Museum/Arts/en\\_US/web/ma/mt-thematic-exhibition.html](http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/Museum/Arts/en_US/web/ma/mt-thematic-exhibition.html), or call 2869 0690 for enquiries.

In view of the latest situation of COVID-19, the Flagstaff House Museum

of Tea Ware will be partially open. Special arrangements and precautionary measures will be implemented to help ensure public safety. Visits will be arranged in sessions to limit visitor flow. For details, please visit [www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/Museum/Arts/en\\_US/web/ma/opening-hours.html](http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/Museum/Arts/en_US/web/ma/opening-hours.html).

The Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware is located at 10 Cotton Tree Drive, Central, Hong Kong (inside Hong Kong Park).

