

Muse Fest HK 2019 to feature about 100 delightful programmes and activities

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will launch Muse Fest HK 2019 on June 22 and the event will continue until July 7. About 100 programmes and activities covering culture, history, art, film, astronomy, science and conservation to be held by 20 museums and related offices under the LCSD will be rolled out. In addition, museums from Singapore, Guangdong, Macao and Hong Kong will join the festival as partners to promote the vibrant museum culture.

With "Curating the New" as the theme, the festival this year aims to lead visitors on a journey exploring how the museums have experienced and displayed transformation. The journey will offer visitors a range of new experiences as well.

The festival comprises four categories of programmes, namely the Muse Fest Special Activity Series, the Museum Inside Out Activity Series, the Exhibition and Film Show Series and the Educational and Extension Activity Series.

The opening event, "Summer Tea Party – Tea in the Garden", will be held on June 22 at the Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware, the oldest surviving Western building in Hong Kong. Through brewing and savouring tea with students and tea artists, participants will be able to experience the special Chinese tea culture and find out more interesting stories about the history of the museum.

The Assistant Director (Heritage and Museums) of the LCSD, Mr Chan Shing-wai, and the Assistant Curator (Prints and Photographs) of the Conservation Office, Ms Carol Tang, will be invited to host a discussion session on conservation for the "Junk! Woodworking – Adopt a Log Brainstorming Session" at Oi! on June 23. A wood craft workshop to be led by local artists will also be held to show how to turn junk wood pieces into useful artefacts.

For the "Urban Walk with Curators" activities to be held on June 29 and 30 and July 7, three curators will lead three special tours in the city to explore unexpected stories in Tai O, the University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens, from the perspectives of art, history and science respectively.

The "Phobia Party" to be hosted on July 6 at the Hong Kong Science Museum will provide visitors with an opportunity to explore the scientific principles and causes behind phobias through a series of sensory tests and discussion sessions to be led by educators of the Science Centre Singapore and the Hong Kong Science Museum.

In the finale programme "Breathe in½¥Breathe out" to be launched on July 7 at the Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre, visitors will follow a journey to reach their inner selves and appreciate the art of tranquillity through a set of interactive media art installations created by media artist Ng Tze-kwan, as well as joint performances by the Venerable Chang Zhan, choreographer and dancer Mui Cheuk-yin and singing bowl player Tsang Man-tung.

Other fabulous programmes will include various thematic exhibitions, film shows, stargazing activities, workshops, talks and science shows.

Advance enrolment is required for some of the programmes. For details, please visit the website of the festival at www.museums.gov.hk/mf2019, or call 2601 7324 for enquiries.