

National Day Fireworks Display to be held at 9pm on October 1 (with photos)

The National Day Fireworks Display will light up the sky over Victoria Harbour at 9pm on October 1 (Tuesday) to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

A total of 31 888 firing shells will be discharged from three barges and six pontoons in an approximately 23-minute extravaganza. The event is co-ordinated by the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau, and is sponsored by the Hong Kong Chinese Importers & Exporters' Association.

The theme for this year's fireworks display is "Splendid fireworks shining over a prosperous China". The fireworks display will be divided into eight scenes, each with its own characteristics. Highlights include the first scene, "75th Anniversary of the People's Republic of China", which will lift the curtain on the display with images of red five-pointed stars and purple five-petal flowers. The sixth scene, "The Legend of Pandas", mainly featuring the green colour, shows images of pandas' favourite food such as bamboo leaves to express the citywide welcome for their arrival. The seventh scene "Auspicious Treasures" showcases different kinds of ring-shaped fireworks, symbolising the strong bonds and perfect harmony among the various ethnic groups in China. The fireworks display will reach its climax in the last scene, "The Magnificent Scenes of China", with flourishes of "Chinese Red", "Big Whistle" and "Gorgeous Golden Crown" images showering blessings to all, wishing continued prosperity for the nation and peaceful lives for the people.

To offer audiences a new experience, for the first time a drone session will be staged before the National Day Fireworks Display as a prelude. (Note: The staging of the drone session will depend on factors such as weather conditions that night).

The display can be seen from many vantage points on both sides of the harbour including Tsim Sha Tsui, the Mid-Levels, Central, Wan Chai, Causeway Bay and the Hung Hom Bypass.

To present the fireworks display in a more enjoyable way, viewers are invited to tune into Radio Television Hong Kong Radio 4 (FM 97.6 to 98.9) for synchronised music.

To facilitate police implementation of special crowd management measures in the Tsim Sha Tsui area for the fireworks display, both the Hong Kong Museum of Art and the Hong Kong Space Museum will be closed earlier at 6pm on October 1.

Citizens are urged to help keep public areas clean and to show respect for public property. They are also urged to show consideration to others to

make the event a safe one.

