<u>Open call for Hong Kong House at</u> <u>Echigo-Tsumari Art Triennale 2024-2026</u> <u>(with photo)</u>

The Art Promotion Office (APO) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department is now inviting Hong Kong artists and artists' teams to submit artwork proposals for Hong Kong House at the Echigo-Tsumari Art Triennale 2024-2026 to showcase Hong Kong artists and cross-disciplinary creative talents' exceptional works to global audiences through this international arts platform.

The Echigo-Tsumari Art Triennale (ETAT) is one of the largest international art festivals in the world and has been held once every three years in the Echigo-Tsumari region, Niigata Prefecture of Japan, since 2000. Using art as a catalyst, the Triennale provides a platform to present projects and initiatives which aim to reveal existing assets of the region and build the relationship between humans and nature through artistic creation, appreciation and participation. Hong Kong House, located in Tsunan town in the Echigo-Tsumari region, was set up by the APO and has been a centre for collaboration with the ETAT since 2018. It serves as a showcase of Hong Kong art talent and a sustainable platform for arts and cultural exchanges.

In conjunction with the ninth Triennale, the APO is calling for artwork proposals. The artwork proposals should highlight the unique history and culture of Echigo-Tsumari region as well as feature distinctive and abundant nature that has the power to connect various cultures. Genres of artwork are not limited to visual art. Proposals that encompass various fields, such as design, handicraft, technology etc are welcomed. The selected three artists or artists' teams will reside in Tsunan to feature their artworks and carry out fringe activities in 2024, 2025 or 2026 respectively.

Participants must submit their proposals before 8pm on August 11 (Friday). All proposals must be delivered to the Exchange and Extension Team of the APO (Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre, 7A Kennedy Road, Central, Hong Kong) by post or by hand. The APO will announce the result in October on the website. For application forms and project details, please visit the website at

www.apo.hk/en/web/apo/there_hongkonghouse_2024-26_call_for_artwork_proposals. html and Facebook page at www.facebook.com/apo.hkhouse or call 2512 3018, 2512 3019 or 2512 3020.

