

Research Grants Council to present public lecture on “Hong Kong Success Stories – Cantopop and Fashion” on October 29

The following is issued on behalf of the University Grants Committee:

The Research Grants Council (RGC) will organise a series of public lectures from October 2023 to January 2024, covering areas including culture, health, technology and innovation. The first lecture titled "Hong Kong Success Stories – Cantopop and Fashion" will be held at the Hong Kong Central Library on October 29 (Sunday). All are welcome.

The RGC has invited Professor of the School of Chinese of the University of Hong Kong, Professor Chu Yiu-wai, and Professor and Head of the Department of Public and International Affairs of City University of Hong Kong, Professor Ho Tat-kei, to tell the stories of Hong Kong through Cantopop and fashion development respectively. Details are as follows:

Time: 10.30am – 12.30pm

Venue: Lecture Theatre, G/F, Hong Kong Central Library

Language: Cantonese

Admission: Free (seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis)

Members of the public can also watch a live broadcast of the lecture through the YouTube Channel of the Hong Kong Public Libraries (www.youtube.com/channel/UCJUipdvSACZj01ldo03YQBA).

First session: Sing Good Stories of Hong Kong: Cantopop in the 1980s as an Example

Using classic Cantopop as an example, Professor Chu Yiu-wai will illustrate how the superstars in the 1980s sang the good stories of Hong Kong, led the global trend of Chinese pop culture and enabled Hong Kong to shine in Asia and the world.

Second session: Fashion 2047 – From Sham Shui Po to the World

Professor Ho Tat-kei will lead the public to review the history of Hong Kong's fashion and textile industries and discuss their development prospects. In the 1970s and 1980s, the fashion and textile industries in Sham Shui Po thrived. Despite the sector's gradual decline from its peak, the emergence of new technological development and talent in recent years, as well as the growing emphasis on sustainability and circular economy around the world, has brought opportunities for textile enterprises and fashion designers.

The RGC has been regularly organising public lectures since 2009, featuring various distinguished scholars as speakers. These lectures aim to promote research knowledge of Hong Kong's tertiary institutions and to raise public awareness of the significance and values of local research work.

For enquiries, please call 2524 3987 or visit the University Grants Committee webpage (www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/rgc/about/events/lectures/lectures.html). In addition, members of the public can register for the RGC's email subscription service at www.ugc.edu.hk/eng/rgc/about/subscribe to receive regular updates.