

Science Museum's new exhibitions offer interactive experiences in aviation and aerospace (with photos)

Two new special exhibitions entitled "Above and Beyond" and "Semper Paratus – The Government Flying Service" will be held at the Hong Kong Science Museum from tomorrow (June 15). The former exhibition will enable members of the public to experience the fun of flying on a simulated journey from the ground to the sky or even the edge of space, while the latter will introduce the daily work of the Government Flying Service (GFS) and its important role in emergencies.

The opening ceremony was held today (June 14). Speaking at the ceremony, the Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs, Mrs Cherry Tse, expressed the hope that the new exhibitions will enhance the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) capabilities of students and young people, provide them with an enlightening and inspiring interactive learning experience, and help broaden the horizons of young visitors and motivate them to continue to participate in STEM developments in the future.

The "Above and Beyond" exhibition, which is sponsored by Boeing, offers an unprecedented interactive demonstration of human advances in aviation and aerospace, from the first powered flights to the newest innovations on earth and in space. Visitors can venture into the five main zones of the exhibition to interact with a number of flight-related exhibits. Visitors will also be able to experience a ride to the edge of space in a simulated space elevator, or test their own supersonic fighter-jet design in a virtual high-speed flying competition, as well as experience flying like a bird in a flock using motion-sensing image capture.

The "Semper Paratus – The Government Flying Service" exhibition introduces the daily work of the GFS and its important role in emergency services, such as providing search and rescue and emergency air medical services, assisting in firefighting, performing photography for aerial surveys and supporting other government departments. The exhibition will include videos as well as various tangible objects including a fixed-wing training aircraft, scaled-down models of the service fleet, the main rotor blade and turboshaft engine of a helicopter, an air-droppable life raft and a specialised bucket used for aerial firefighting.

Other officiating guests attending the ceremony included the Boeing Company's Vice President of Communications, Mr Charlie Miller; the Controller of the GFS, Captain Michael Chan; the Acting Director of Leisure and Cultural Services, Dr Louis Ng; and the Museum Director of the Hong Kong Science Museum, Ms Paulina Chan.

The two exhibitions are presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services

Department, with the Hong Kong Science Museum co-organising them with Boeing and the GFS respectively. Both will run until October 17. The Hong Kong Science Museum is located at 2 Science Museum Road, Tsim Sha Tsui. For details, please visit <http://hk.science.museum/> or call 2732 3232.

