

## SHA to visit Huizhou to attend youth Chinese music concert

â€‹The Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Lau Kong-wah, will depart for Huizhou in the afternoon on Sunday (December 9) to attend the "Embracing the Duality of Cantonese Music" concert.

The concert is one of Hong Kong's performing arts programmes introduced by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to stage performances in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area. It will be jointly performed by young Chinese music performers from Hong Kong, Guangzhou and Macao. Apart from Huizhou, there will be one performance each in Zhuhai, Zhongshan, Dongguan, Shenzhen and Guangzhou.

As promulgated in the 2018-19 Budget, the Government will provide \$140 million in additional funding in the coming five years to support local artists and arts groups to perform or conduct cultural exchanges in the Greater Bay Area. The aims are to showcase Hong Kong's art and culture, to offer new opportunities to Hong Kong artists and arts groups, and to nurture future administrative staff and impresarios. Two concerts, presented by local jazz groups and harmonica players, have been conducted in Zhongshan.

During his stay in Huizhou, Mr Lau will also meet with impresarios in the Mainland and visit a youth entrepreneurship base and a training centre. Mr Lau will return to Hong Kong in the afternoon on Monday (December 10). During his absence, the Under Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Jack Chan, will be the Acting Secretary for Home Affairs.