

## Sixth batch of Arts Development Fund for Persons with Disabilities open for applications today

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) announced today (June 7) that the sixth batch of the Arts Development Fund for Persons with Disabilities (Arts Fund) is open for applications from eligible organisations starting from today. Non-profit making organisations granted tax exemption status under section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance (Cap. 112) with at least two years of experience in organising structured arts activities or training programmes for persons with disabilities (PWDs) may submit applications.

The Government has endeavoured to promote the participation of PWDs in recreational, sports and cultural arts activities and provide them with appropriate activities and facilities, with a view to giving them opportunities to develop their potential and enhance their quality of life, as well as encouraging their participation in group activities and full integration into the community.

The Arts Fund provides funding support to two tiers of arts projects. Tier One projects are for the provision of elementary and continuing arts programmes that enhance the arts knowledge of PWDs, foster their interests in arts and develop their potential, while Tier Two projects are large-scale, impactful and sustainable projects that assist individual PWDs with great artistic potential in pursuing their career in performing, visual or creative arts, and enable them to strive for excellence.

The sixth batch of the Arts Fund is open for applications starting today until August 23. Interested organisations may visit the SWD website ([www.swd.gov.hk/en/pubsvc/rehab/cat\\_fundtrustfinaid/adfpd/](http://www.swd.gov.hk/en/pubsvc/rehab/cat_fundtrustfinaid/adfpd/)) for more details and download the latest application form or complete the electronic application form.