

Sponsorship for local films nominated to participate in film festivals overseas and Hong Kong films (Cantonese version) distributed in Mainland to end in August this year

The following is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Film Development Council:

The Hong Kong Film Development Council (FDC) announced today (August 4) that two subsidy schemes under the Film Development Fund, namely Sponsorship for local films nominated to participate in film festivals overseas (Film Festival Subsidy Scheme) and Sponsorship for Hong Kong films (Cantonese version) distributed in the Mainland (Mainland Distribution Subsidy Scheme), will end on August 31, upon a review of the effectiveness of the schemes.

A two-month grace period will be allowed for applications for the Film Festival Subsidy Scheme satisfying the eligibility requirements set out in the Guidelines on Application for Sponsorship for Local Films Nominated to Participate in Film Festivals Overseas on or before August 31. Eligible applications for the Film Festival Subsidy Scheme must be submitted within two months after the completion of the film festival concerned as stipulated in the Film Festival Subsidy Guidelines.

An eight-month grace period will be allowed for applications for the Mainland Distribution Subsidy Scheme satisfying the eligibility requirements set out in the Guidelines on Application for Sponsorship for Hong Kong films (Cantonese version) distributed in the Mainland on or before August 31. Eligible applications for the Mainland Distribution Subsidy Scheme must be submitted within eight months after the first day of the theatrical release of the film in Guangdong Province as stipulated in the Mainland Distribution Subsidy Guidelines.

For details of the application guidelines and assessment criteria of the two schemes, please visit the FDC's website (www.fdc.gov.hk/en/applications_detail.php?id=2022042210270188593).

The Government is committed to promoting the development of Hong Kong's film industry. The FDC will launch new scheme(s) that can lead to bigger marketing impact with elements of proactiveness, focused mission, agility, etc, by the end of 2023.