

Artistic talent of Hong Kong shines in vivid Australian showcase (with photos)

With the support of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, Sydney (HKETO), a young Hong Kong watercolour artist is painting pictures of future cities and space live for spectators at a Vivid Sydney event in the Chatswood district of Sydney, Australia. Vivid Sydney is the world's largest festival of light, music and ideas and is expected to attract about 2 million people this year.

In "Life in 2050" from 7pm to 10pm on June 7, Hong Kong watercolour artist Elaine Chiu delved into an exploration of future cities in her artworks created live. Visitors had the chance to see Chiu create giant scenes of mystifying cityscapes, capturing the heartbeat and hustle and bustle of cities. The creative and colourful painting was projected live onto the Anderson Street side of the Concourse in Chatswood, complementing the eclectic celebration of food, fashion, light, the planet and the cosmos.

Chiu will continue her live performance, enabling audiences to see the experience of making artwork from its inception to final creation, from 7pm to 10pm tonight (June 8) and on June 14 and 15, and from 5.30pm to 10.30pm on June 9 and June 16, the day when Vivid Sydney concludes this year.

A spokesman for the HKETO said today (June 8) that the HKETO was delighted to support this talented artist from Hong Kong to bring her art to life on such a huge scale right in front of the audience during Vivid Sydney at Chatswood – a prominent event that the local community loves.

"It is indeed a vivid demonstration of the capability of Hong Kong's home-grown emerging young artistic talent. This is also a great opportunity for Hong Kong's creative talent to gain practical experience by participating in a large-scale overseas event," the spokesman said.

"To consolidate Hong Kong's status as an international cultural metropolis and to create more opportunities for our young artists, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government will continue to support them to perform and stage exhibitions outside Hong Kong to showcase the essence of Hong Kong arts," the spokesman added.

This is the first time that Chiu, a fine arts graduate from the University of Hong Kong, has brought her distinct style to Sydney. The emerging artist has exhibited in Hong Kong and various cities overseas, and has presented solo exhibitions in the past years. She also received a Talent Development Scholarship and a Reaching Out Award under the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government Scholarship Fund in 2015-16.



Temporary traffic arrangements at Kai Tak Tunnel and East Kowloon Way this Sunday cancelled

The Transport Department today (June 8) announced that due to the inclement weather forecast for this weekend, the Highways Department has decided to cancel the road repair works scheduled for this Sunday (June 10) at the Kai Tak Tunnel and the East Kowloon Way. The related temporary traffic arrangements will be cancelled accordingly.

LegCo Public Accounts Committee to hold public hearing next Monday

The following is issued on behalf of the Legislative Council Secretariat:

The Legislative Council (LegCo) Public Accounts Committee (PAC) will hold a public hearing on "Sha Tin Section of Route 8" (Chapter 8) of the Director of Audit's Report No.70 at 8.30am next Monday (June 11) in Conference Room 1 of the LegCo Complex.

Thirteen witnesses have been invited to appear before the above hearing to respond to points raised in the Report and answer questions asked by PAC members.

The programme for the public hearing is as follows:

Date: June 11, 2018 (Monday)

Time:8.30am

Venue: Conference Room 1

Subject: Sha Tin Section of Route 8 (Chapter 8 of the Director of Audit's Report No.70)

Witnesses:

Secretary for Transport and Housing

Mr Frank Chan Fan

Principal Assistant Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport)2

Mr Tony Li

Principal Assistant Secretary for Transport and Housing (Transport)5

Ms Judy Chung

Under Secretary for Development

Mr Liu Chun-san

Director of Highways

Mr Daniel Chung

Project Manager/Major Works Project Management Office, Highways Department

Mr Kelvin Lo

Director of Civil Engineering and Development

Mr Lam Sai-hung

Deputy Project Manager, North Development Office, Civil Engineering and

Development Department
Mr Law Man-tim

Commissioner for Transport
Ms Mable Chan

Assistant Commissioner /Management and Paratransit, Transport Department
Ms Stella Lee

Director of Architectural Services
Mrs Sylvia Lam

Assistant Director (Property Services), Architectural Services Department
Mr Hui Chiu-kin

Acting Director of Electrical and Mechanical Services
Mr Tai Tak-him

PAC is chaired by Abraham Shek, and its Deputy Chairman is Mr Kenneth Leung. Other members include Mr Paul Tse, Mr Steven Ho, Mr Lam Cheuk-ting, Mr Shiu Ka-fai and Ms Tanya Chan.

Appointments to Judicial Officers Recommendation Commission

The Government announced today (June 8) that the Chief Executive has appointed Madam Justice Carlye Chu Fun-ling, Mr Philip John Dykes, SC, and Mrs Pamela Chan Wong Shui as members of the Judicial Officers Recommendation Commission (the Commission).

The Chief Executive has also re-appointed Mr Justice Andrew Cheung Kuing as a member of the Commission.

"The four members will serve for a two-year term, starting from July 1 this year, to June 30, 2020," a government spokesman said.

Mr Justice Robert Tang Ching, Ms Winnie Tam Wan-chi, SC, and Mr Christopher Cheng Wai-chee, serving members of the Commission, will retire from the Commission on June 30, 2018.

"We wish to express our gratitude to Mr Justice Robert Tang Ching, Ms Winnie Tam Wan-chi, SC, and Mr Christopher Cheng Wai-chee, for their invaluable advice rendered to the Commission during their term of office, and for their contribution to upholding Hong Kong's judicial independence," the spokesman said.

The functions of the Commission are to advise or make recommendations to

the Chief Executive regarding the filling of vacancies in judicial offices, representations from a judicial officer concerning conditions of service referred to it by the Chief Executive, and any matter affecting judicial officers which may be prescribed or which the Chief Executive may refer to it.

Other members of the Commission are the Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal (ex-officio Chairman), the Secretary for Justice (ex-officio member), Mr Stephen Hung Wan-shun, Professor Tony Chan Fan-cheong and Ms Anita Fung Yuen-mei.

Report on projections of population distribution for 2018-2026 published

The Planning Department today (June 8) published a report entitled "Projections of Population Distribution 2018-2026", which presents the latest population distribution projections for 2018-2026.

The population distribution projections have been compiled based on the latest projected total population for Hong Kong released by the Census and Statistics Department in September 2017 and the latest planning information.

The report projects that the populations of the New Territories and Kowloon will increase by 441 600 and 140 200 between 2016 and 2026, reaching 4.28 million and 2.38 million respectively by 2026, while that of Hong Kong Island is expected to decrease gradually from 1.25 million to 1.16 million during the same period.

In terms of share of the total population, the New Territories will rise from 52 per cent to 55 per cent between 2016 and 2026, while that for Kowloon will decrease from 31 per cent to 30 per cent. The share of Hong Kong Island will decrease from 17 per cent to 15 per cent during the same period.

The report also presents the projected population of the District Council districts. Kwun Tong District, Sha Tin District and Yuen Long District are projected to be the three most populous districts in 2026, with populations reaching 721 200, 708 600 and 700 400 respectively.

Wong Tai Sin District is projected to be the district with the highest proportion of elderly population aged 65 or above, rising from 17 per cent in 2016 to 26 per cent in 2026.

The report "Projections of Population Distribution 2018-2026", as well as statistical tables containing the detailed results of the projections of population distribution for 2018-2026, have been uploaded to the website of

the Planning Department (www.pland.gov.hk). Members of the public can access the report and the tables directly at www.pland.gov.hk/pland_en/info_serv/statistic/wgpd18.html.