

# HKPF to launch official Douyin account

The Public Relations Wing of the Hong Kong Police Force (HKPF) will launch its official Douyin account tomorrow (November 19), further expanding its social media channels to enhance engagement with the public in Hong Kong, Mainland China and other regions, particularly the younger generation. By means of its official Douyin account, HKPF hopes to enable more effective dissemination of anti-scam and anti-crime messages, and showcase the Force's positive image and share the Police's good stories with the public.

The inauguration of the official Douyin account coincides with the fourth anniversary of HKPF's motto, "Serving Hong Kong with Honour, Duty and Loyalty", which carries dual significance.

A video produced with the joint effort of officers from various formations led by the Commissioner of Police, Mr Siu Chak-ye, will be uploaded to HKPF's official Douyin account tomorrow to mark the launch of the new initiative.

Members of the public are welcome to view, follow and share the information from HKPF's official Douyin account (<https://v.douyin.com/iRabLepf/>) through the hyperlink.

The HKPF Douyin account is the Force's ninth official social media account, following Facebook, Instagram, X, WhatsApp Channels, YouTube, Xiaohongshu, WeChat, and Weibo.

With the rapid rise of short video platforms, HKPF aims to utilise the Douyin platform to deliver diverse and useful information to the audience by means of creative short videos, thereby gaining their understanding and support for the Force.

The publicity strategy of HKPF has always been people-oriented and keeping pace with the times. It strives to keep up with the trends in social media development, aligning with the changing habits of Internet users by making timely adjustments to the promotion channels and the content of the productions in pursuit of constant renewal and excellence.



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## [Transcript of remarks by FS in San Francisco](#)

The Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, is in San Francisco to attend the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (APEC) meetings from November 12 to 17. Following is the transcript of remarks by Mr Chan at a media session today (November 17, San Francisco time):

Reporter: Secretary, what's your biggest takeaway from this trip and also your interactions with President Xi (President Xi Jinping) during the APEC meetings? That's the first question. What are your expectations for China-US ties going forward following the talks between the two leaders?

Financial Secretary: Coming to this meeting, I have a better grasp of how the various economies see the economic prospects in 2024. I have also noted that during the past three years, a lot of economies spent a lot on pandemic-related expenditure. Everyone seems to be agreeing that in the coming year, the first and foremost task is to grow the economy so as to rebuild the financial buffer and fiscal space, as well as improving the quality of life of people through development, particularly through a more inclusive development.

As to my interactions with President Xi, he is very kind to Hong Kong, and he cares about Hong Kong very much. I took the opportunity to brief him about the economic and social situation in Hong Kong and the initiatives taken by this term of Government, particularly on attracting strategic enterprises and talent. On attracting strategic enterprises, I mentioned four areas on which we focus, namely artificial intelligence and big data

analytics; biotech, biomedicine and health science; fintech; and new materials, new energy and advanced manufacturing. We are going to organise more international events to attract more international businesses and visitors to come to Hong Kong to see for themselves the opportunities in the city.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the transcript.)

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## [Speech by CS at Singapore Festival in Hong Kong \(English only\) \(with photo/video\)](#)

Following is the speech by the Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Chan Kwok-ki, at the Singapore Festival in Hong Kong today (November 18):

Consul General Ong (Consul General of Singapore in Hong Kong, Mr Ong Siew Gay), Lawrence (Chairman, Singapore Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong, Mr Lawrence Chia), distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

Good afternoon. It gives me great pleasure to join you all in this Singaporean-Hong Kong cultural celebration.

Our happy task today is to help open the second edition of the Singapore Festival. And I am pleased to note that this two-day fun fair is organised by the Singapore Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong.

Alongside fabulous Singaporean food and drinks, this weekend festival features live bands and entertainment, as well as games and activities for families.

And the "Pasar Malam", or "night market" in Malay, takes place here for the first time. It certainly adds colour to our city's "Night Vibes Hong Kong" campaign.

Launched in mid-September, our campaign has already showcased over 25 nighttime events, as well as evening activities and special offers in over 80 shopping malls.

Our mission is to create, and maintain, a lively nightlife atmosphere all over Hong Kong.

Hong Kong and Singapore enjoy close co-operation, as our Chief Executive noted during his July visit to Singapore. In particular, the Chief Executive cited finance, professional services, and innovation and technology.

These are the sectors that our two economies are internationally recognised for. The Chief Executive and I are confident that we can expand our co-operation in these areas – and many others.

After all, over 460 Singaporean companies maintain an office in Hong Kong.

And the Chief Executive, in his second Policy Address delivered last month, stressed that our Government will continue to consolidate business co-operation and connections with ASEAN member states. Singapore, of course, is very much included.

Besides business, Hong Kong, like Singapore, values its rich Chinese heritage and takes pride in its cultural diversity.

In this regard, Hong Kong is strengthening its status as an East-meets-West centre for international cultural exchange.

The "Pasar Malam", reflecting the rich culture of Singapore, is one of many traditions we seek to embrace through a range of programmes, art festivals and activities.

That includes the Asia Cultural Co-operation Forum. It brings together cultural ministers, and senior officials, throughout the region to share their experience in promoting arts and cultural development.

Last year, the Forum drew 21 countries and 14 overseas delegations, the largest gathering since its inception in 2003. Your Minister for Culture, Community and Youth, and Second Minister for Law, Mr Edwin Tong, led a Singaporean delegation to the event, I am pleased to tell.

And, last month, the first Hong Kong Asia+ Festival got going. It is another good example of our celebration of Asian cultures.

An integrated film and musical performance, named "The Once and Future", by Singaporean film director Chris Yeo is among the highlights of the two-month Festival.

In June, Hong Kong delighted in "Kungfood", a Cantonese comic opera conducted by Singapore's Joshua Tan.

To Hong Kong's performers, Singapore is one of their most popular destinations. Earlier this year, the Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra performed in your country, attracting some 1 600 music lovers.

Equally well-received by Singaporeans are Chinese opera performances, such as those by the Sing Fai Cantonese Opera Promotion Association in July.

The popularity of all these, and other cultural performances, reflects the wide-ranging ties between Hong Kong and Singapore.

My thanks, once again, to the Singapore Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong for organising this year's Singapore Festival, alongside a number of supporting organisations, including the Consulate General.

The Festival, and the great efforts you have put in, underline the much-appreciated role of the Singaporean community in Hong Kong.

I know the people of Hong Kong will enjoy every minute of the Festival – this exciting Singaporean weekend in Hong Kong!

On that note, I wish the Festival every success. Thank you very much.



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## [Hong Kong Public Libraries commends awardees of Reading Programme for Children and Youth \(with photos\)](#)

The Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department held a certificate presentation ceremony at the Hong Kong Central Library today (November 18) to commend members who had actively participated in the 2022-23 Reading Programme for Children and Youth.

The programme continues to receive an overwhelming response and has recruited over 8 000 new members this year. Twenty-four members received Star of the Month awards with their reading reports, among which the nine best were awarded Reading Supernova. Twenty members of the programme participating in the most sessions of the Monthly Meeting of Joyful Reading were awarded Elite of Joyful Reading medals.

The HKPL is committed to promoting reading and hopes that schools can encourage students to register for the programme. The Most Active School in Promoting Participation awards were presented to schools that successfully nominated the largest number of members in the year. This year's awards went

to W F Joseph Lee Primary School, Tseung Kwan O Methodist Primary School, Good Health Anglo-Chinese Kindergarten (Tsing Yi), Good Health Anglo-Chinese Kindergarten (Ma On Shan) and Evangel College.

Five schools with the highest total number of books read by their nominated members received the Most Active School in Promoting Reading awards. The winning schools are W F Joseph Lee Primary School, Hong Kong Baptist Convention Primary School, Tseung Kwan O Methodist Primary School, SKH Yan Laap Primary School and SKH Tin Wan Chi Nam Primary School.

Targeting children and youth from kindergarten to Secondary Six, the Reading Programme aims at arousing their reading interest, cultivating their reading habits, and encouraging them to share their reading tips and the joy of reading with other people. To promote paired reading, children from kindergarten to Primary Three can join the family category with their parents. People interested in participating in the Reading Programme may contact any public library or visit [www.hkpl.gov.hk/rp](http://www.hkpl.gov.hk/rp).

This year's Reading Supernova winning works are now on display at the foyer of the South Entrance of Hong Kong Central Library until November 22. A roving exhibition will also be held at various public libraries.



## [Tung Chung Swimming Pool temporarily closed](#)

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible and repeat it at regular intervals:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (November 18) that Tung Chung Swimming Pool in Islands District has been temporarily

closed for cleaning and superchlorination following the discovery of a small amount of faeces in the pool.

It will be reopened at 4.30pm today.

The department appeals to swimmers to be considerate and to keep the swimming pools clean. They are advised not to swim after a full meal and should use the toilet facilities if necessary before swimming.