

## [HKETO, Brussels supports Hong Kong films at Far East Film Festival in Udine, Italy \(with photo\)](#)

The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Brussels (HKETO, Brussels), together with Create Hong Kong, the Film Development Fund (FDF) and the Hong Kong International Film Festival Society, supported the screening of Hong Kong films at the 26th Far East Film Festival (FEFF) in Udine, Italy from April 24 to May 2 (Udine time).

At the 26th FEFF, international audiences in Italy are being treated to a special selection of films titled "Making Waves – Navigators of Hong Kong Cinema" ("Making Waves"), which showcases films from both the established and the new and emerging talents. The "Making Waves" featured nine recently released Hong Kong films with Customs Frontline by Hong Kong director Herman Yau closing the FEFF. The Hong Kong film industry was well-represented in FEFF by the many directors, producers, screenwriters and actors from Hong Kong.

Speaking at the Hong Kong Film Night on April 27, the Deputy Representative of the HKETO, Brussels, Miss Fiona Li, highlighted the efforts of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government in supporting Hong Kong's creative industries and further strengthening Hong Kong's role as a bridge between East and West for international cultural exchanges.

Miss Li said that an amount of EUR 165 million will be injected into the Film Development Fund as announced in the 2024-25 Budget. Aimed at further facilitating international collaboration and elevating Hong Kong cinema on the global stage, FDF has recently launched a Hong Kong-Europe-Asian Film Collaboration Funding Scheme to provide funding support to eligible film projects co-produced by filmmakers between Hong Kong and European/Asian countries.

The FEFF is one of the largest film festivals in Europe, showcasing the latest productions from Asia and receiving significant national and international interest from the film industry, cultural sector and media. This year, a total of 79 movies from 12 countries/regions are screened in the FEFF.



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As the rainstorm warning has been issued by the Hong Kong Observatory, the Labour Department (LD) reminds employers and contractors that they should adopt necessary work arrangements and take suitable safety measures to protect the safety of their employees when they are carrying out electrical work or handling electrical plant.

A spokesman for the LD said today (May 1) that employers and contractors should avoid assigning employees to carry out electrical work (like electric arc welding work) or handle electrical plant at places affected by rainstorms, and should refer to the "Code of Practice in times of Typhoons and Rainstorms" and the "Guide on Safety at Work in times of Inclement Weather" issued by the LD.

Even if electrical work is carried out or electrical plant is handled at places not affected by the rainstorm, suitable safety measures must still be adopted to prevent electric shock as the air would be more humid. Such measures include:

- (i) Ensure that all live parts of an electrical installation are isolated from the power supply source and rendered dead, and the isolation from the power supply source must be maintained as long as electrical work is being carried out;
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- (iii) Ensure that protective devices (such as suitable and adequate fuses and

circuit breakers) for the electrical installations or electrical plant have been installed and maintained in good working order, and portable electric tools must be double-insulated or properly earthed;

(iv) Provide suitable personal protective equipment such as insulating gloves and insulating mats for employees; and

(v) If live electrical work is unavoidable, a comprehensive risk assessment should be conducted by a competent person and the appropriate safety precautions should be taken to remove or properly control the electrical hazards involved before such work can proceed.

In addition, employees should co-operate with the employer or contractor to follow the safety instructions and use the safety equipment provided.

The LD has published guidebooks and leaflets on electrical work safety. These safety publications are available free from divisional offices of the department or can be downloaded from its website ([www.labour.gov.hk/eng/public/content2\\_8.htm](http://www.labour.gov.hk/eng/public/content2_8.htm)).

Should there be any questions about occupational safety and health matters, please contact the Occupational Safety Officer of the LD at 2559 2297.

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