

Tao Arts – Community Arts Scheme launched (with photos)

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) today (April 10) announced the launch of Tao Arts – Community Arts Scheme, which will be implemented in Sai Kung and Wan Chai Districts this year as a pilot scheme and will be extended to other districts from next year.

Through enhanced collaboration between the LCSD, the District Councils, district non-government organisations and local professional arts groups, the scheme aims to encourage community participation and engagement in arts activities so as to develop sustainable arts projects in different districts.

The LCSD was allocated additional funding of \$51 million in the 2019-20 Budget for organising enhanced community arts activities with the 18 District Councils for a period of five years. The LCSD will match the additional funding with the allocation by individual District Councils at a one-to-one ratio to tailor-make the Tao Arts – Community Arts Scheme for the participation of district citizens.

Tao Arts Sai Kung – Community Arts Scheme (CAS) will launch two workshops organised by ArtsArea Management that are specially designed for children and young people from late April. The workshops are free of charge and open for enrolment now. Details are as follows:

– Workshop on Cantonese Opera for Youngsters

Instructors: Cheung Po-wah and Pui Jun-hin
(Love and Faith Cantonese Opera Laboratory)

Date: Late April to December

– Workshop on Puppetry for Youths and Workshop on Shadow Puppet-making for Youths

Instructor: Wong Fai (Hong Kong Puppet and Shadow Art Center)

Date: May until December

In addition, a dance and movement workshop will be specially held for the elderly to develop their physical and mental ability. Details are as follows:

– "Body in Time" workshop

Organiser: Unlock Dancing Plaza

Date: Late April to March 2020

Apart from workshops, there will be various activities such as performance showcases, post-performance experience sessions, joint rehearsals and more to provide further training and performance opportunities for the programme participants. A grand finale will be held in late February next year for participants from Sai Kung District to demonstrate their

achievements to the public. Details of the CAS programmes of Wan Chai District will be announced later.

Tao Arts Sai Kung – Community Arts Scheme is sponsored by the Sai Kung District Council and supported by the Sai Kung Cultural Centre and Haven of Hope Christian Service. For enquiries on the CAS, please call 2591 1340 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/cpo/taoarts/sk.html. For enquiries on enrolment for the Cantonese opera and shadow puppetry workshops, please call 5943 1323 or email artsareamgt@gmail.com (ArtsArea Management). For enquiries on the "Body in Time" workshop, please call 2778 3488 (Unlock Dancing Plaza).

