

## Tao Arts – Community Arts Scheme rolled out in Wan Chai District (with photos)

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will present Tao Arts – Community Arts Scheme in Wan Chai District. The Scheme includes two workshops from May to December organised by ArtsArea Management that are specially designed for children and young people.

These workshops for Wan Chai District are free of charge and open for enrolment now. Details are as follows:

– Workshop on Cantonese Opera for Youngsters

Instructor: Administrative and Artistic Director of Kim Sum Cantonese Opera Association Leung Sum-yee

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

Instructors: Director of Hong Kong Puppet and Shadow Art Center Wong Fai and veteran instructors Chong Yuk-lai or Wong Wai-chun

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 workshop participants. A grand finale will be held in February next year for participants to demonstrate their achievements to the public.

The LCSD was allocated additional funding of \$51 million in the 2019-20 Budget for organisation of the Tao Arts – Community Arts Scheme with the 18 District Councils in phases for a period of five years. The LCSD will match the additional funding with the annual funding on arts activities allocated by individual District Councils at a one-to-one ratio. Through enhanced collaboration between the LCSD, the District Councils, district non-government organisations and local professional arts groups, the scheme aims to encourage more community participation and engagement in arts activities so as to develop their own sustainable arts projects in different districts.

Tao Arts – Community Arts Scheme programmes are being implemented in Sai Kung and Wan Chai Districts this year as a pilot scheme and will be extended to other districts from next year. The scheme in Sai Kung District was launched earlier this month.

Tao Arts Wan Chai – Community Arts Scheme is jointly presented by the Wan Chai District Council and the LCSD and supported by the Causeway Bay Kaifong Welfare Advancement Association. For enquiries on the scheme, please call 2591 1340 or visit [www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/cpo/taoarts/wc.html](http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/cpo/taoarts/wc.html). For enquiries on the workshops, please call 5943 1323 or email [artsareamgt@gmail.com](mailto:artsareamgt@gmail.com) (ArtsArea Management).

