"The Story of Jao Tsung-i" exhibition pays tribute to master of Chinese studies (with photos)

â€∢To commemorate the life and achievements of Professor Jao Tsung-i, the master of Chinese studies, an exhibition entitled "The Story of Jao Tsung-i" will commence tomorrow (November 27) at the Hong Kong Heritage Museum. The exhibition will look back at the academic and artistic achievements of Professor Jao; showcase the valuable cultural wealth he left for Hong Kong, the country and the world; and reflect the ever-flourishing Chinese culture.

Speaking at the opening ceremony today (November 26), the Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Lau Kong-wah, said that by presenting Professor Jao's academic achievements, artworks, creative writings and literature, the exhibition will showcase Professor Jao's life in various aspects, so as to enhance the public's understanding of Professor Jao and help people learn about his rigorous scholarship and his dedication to promoting Chinese culture around the world.

Professor Jao was a sinologist of international renown and highly esteemed for his knowledge spanning a wide range of humanities subjects going back to ancient times, from ancient history, regional history, oracle bone inscriptions, bamboo slips and silk manuscripts, bibliographic research, the Song of Chu ancient anthology, Dunhuang studies, the history of religions and archaeology to Chinese literature. His inspirational insights made him one of the most influential masters of Chinese studies in a contemporary context.

Through more than 200 items on display, including snapshots of his daily life, personal letters, artworks, academic studies and other archival materials, visitors will be able to see how a Hong Kong-based scholar became a world-renowned master of Chinese studies through lifelong dedication.

Other officiating guests included Deputy Director-General of the Department of Publicity, Cultural and Sports Affairs of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Mr Luo Jiang; the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services, Mr Vincent Liu; the Director of the Jao Tsung-I Petite Ecole of the University of Hong Kong, Professor Lee Chack-fan; the Founding President of the Jao Tsung-I Petite Ecole Fan Club, Dr Simon Suen; the Founding President of Jao Link, Ms Angeline Yiu; family member of Professor Jao Tsung-i Ms Veronica Yiu; and the Museum Director of the Hong Kong Heritage Museum, Ms Fione Lo.

To complement the exhibition, a series of special programmes to be conducted in Cantonese will be held by the museum. For details, please visit

the website at

hk.heritage.museum/en_US/web/hm/eventsactivities/programmes/story_of_jao_tsun
g-i.html.

The exhibition will run from tomorrow to February 17, 2020, at Thematic Galleries 3, 4 and 5 on the first floor of the Hong Kong Heritage Museum, which is located at 1 Man Lam Road, Sha Tin.

The exhibition is co-presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and the University of Hong Kong, and jointly organised by the Hong Kong Heritage Museum and the Jao Tsung-I Petite Ecole of the University of Hong Kong. One of the HKSAR's celebration activities to mark the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, the exhibition is supported by the Cultural Affairs Bureau of the Macao Special Administrative Region Government, the Macao Museum of Art, the Jao Tsung-I Petite Ecole Fan Club, the Jao Tsung-I Academy (Macao), the Jao Studies Foundation, Jao Link and HKEdCity.











