

## **Hong Kong signs MOU with Netherlands on cultural co-operation**

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The Secretary for Home Affairs, Dr Patrick Ho, and the Vice-Minister of Education, Culture and Science of the Netherlands, Ms Medy C van der Laan, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Cultural Co-operation between Hong Kong and the Netherlands today (September 8).

The MoU marks the joint efforts of the governments in strengthening the cultural cooperation in both places and provides a formal framework to promote cooperation in the field of culture.

Such cooperation will contribute to the furtherance of mutual awareness, respect, understanding, harmony and friendship between the people in the Netherlands and Hong Kong.

"By signing this Memorandum of Understanding, I believe that we can build on what we have already achieved in the past and open up more creative visions and perspectives from different art and cultural exchanges in future.

"I look forward to exploring ways to further develop these cooperative initiatives and spirit and joining hands with the Netherlands to build a strong cultural alliance for the common good of the people of the two places," Dr Ho said.

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