

"HK Youth Uniformed Groups Expo 2009" opens tomorrow

The Home Affairs Bureau and 10 youth uniformed groups will hold the "Hong Kong Youth Uniformed Groups Expo 2009" at the Hong Kong Centre for Youth Development from tomorrow (April 11) to next Thursday (April 16). Admission is free and all are welcome to the event.

The 10 uniformed groups participating in the Expo are the Scout Association of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Girl Guides Association, Hong Kong Air Cadet Corps, Hong Kong Sea Cadet Corps, Hong Kong Adventure Corps, Hong Kong Red Cross, Hong Kong St John Ambulance Brigade Cadet Command, The Boys' Brigade, Hong Kong, The Girls' Brigade Hong Kong and The Hong Kong Road Safety Patrol.

With a rich history in Hong Kong, these 10 uniformed groups have been committed to promoting youth development outside schools. Their contributions are widely recognised by the community. The Expo will put on show the diverse range of training programmes offered by the uniformed groups and it aims to attract more people, especially youths, to participate in the uniformed groups activities.

In the Expo, the uniformed groups will put up well-designed exhibition panels to outline their backgrounds and training missions, as well as information on their training activities.

From tomorrow to Monday (April 13), the uniformed groups will also set up activities booths and arrange seminars to share with the public their experiences on life as uniformed group members.

The booths will include games and displays of equipment and photos of uniformed groups' training. The activities and seminars will cover a variety of topics including sessions on road safety, challenge course activities, adventure training, medical checkup, snorkeling activities, landmine awareness, camping gadget demonstration and uniformed groups' activities. Members of the public can experience the diversified training and activities offered by the uniformed groups.

Visitors can also chat with members of uniform groups and take photos with them. Those interested in joining uniformed groups can also submit their applications at the Expo.

The opening ceremony of the Expo will be held at 3pm tomorrow (April 11) at the Multi-purpose Hall on the second floor of the Hong Kong Centre for Youth Development. The Under Secretary for Home Affairs, Ms Florence Hui, will officiate at the opening ceremony.

The Hong Kong Centre for Youth Development is located at 238 Chai Wan Road and is accessible by walking from Exit A of Chai Wan MTR Station. The centre provides a variety of facilities for youth development programmes, to enhance the quality of young people in Hong Kong and nurture them as leaders of society. The centre will come into operation in the second half of this year.

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