

Home Affairs Bureau hosts Asia Cultural Co-operation Forum

The Home Affairs Bureau will host the "Asia Cultural Co-operation Forum 2009" from Thursday to Saturday (October 8-10). Government officials, cultural leaders and creative entrepreneurs from the Mainland and eight Asian countries will gather together to exchange views on the theme of "The Cultural Asian".

The Asia Cultural Co-operation Forum (ACCF) was launched in 2003 by the Home Affairs Bureau to foster cultural partnership among governments in the Asian region, promote private sector initiatives in cultural and creative industries, and enhance the profile of Hong Kong as Asia's cultural and creative hub.

The opening ceremony of the forum will be held at the Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre in Kowloon Park on Thursday. Official representatives from the Mainland, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam will join the panel discussion to deliver speeches on the topic of "Living in Arts, Arts in Living". Government representatives will hold a closed-door meeting to sum up their discussion and release a statement on cultural co-operation arrangement. The Ministry of Culture and cultural departments of various provinces and municipalities of the Mainland will hold a closed-door meeting on "Cultural Heritage and Innovation" in the afternoon.

The Home Affairs Bureau and various cultural organisations will co-host three thematic sessions of the Open Forum at the Drama Theatre of Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts on Friday and Saturday (October 9 and 10). The themes are "International Exchange and Promotion - A Performing Arts Perspective"; "Blending In with Arts" and "The Animated Asia: Future Development of the International Positioning of Asian Animation" respectively.

For information on ACCF 2009, please visit (www.accfhk.org).

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