

For Immediate Release**Hong Kong Maritime Museum Reopening Highlight:
Special Exhibition: “Involuntary Pairs” Man-made lost in Nature**

3 March 2021, Hong Kong – The Hong Kong Maritime Museum’s latest special exhibition on natural history and ocean pollution – “*Involuntary Pairs* Man-made lost in Nature” was initially scheduled in December last year. Following up on an online preview released during museum closure due to the pandemic, the exhibition is now open to the public until 21 March 2021, showcasing a collection of objects of marine plastic pollution, individually picked up from Hong Kong beaches since 2013. Each is matched with an item found in nature to form an Involuntary Pair; the two objects look alike, yet one originates from nature, the other from human manufacturing. An astonishing collection that makes us rethink our relationship with consumer goods.

The exhibition is supported by the Home Affairs Bureau. Eco Marine, The Swire Institute of Marine Science, The University of Hong Kong and Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden are the Academic and Supporting Partners of the exhibition.

About the artist: **liina klaus** is a German artist & activist who explores visual and conceptual perceptions of waste. Her works translate environmental pollution into over-flowing installations of screaming colours and horrifying abundance. liina creates anything from large-scale land-art to delicate mosaics. In this exhibition she explores perspectives between the individual and the collective, distance and tangibility, beauty, and shock and between perceptions of significance and trivia.

Please click on this [link](#) to download the exhibition’s images and artist information.

Visitors' Information

Opening hours:	Monday – Friday from 09:30 – 17:30 Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays from 10:00 – 19:00 No tickets will be available 30 minutes before closing
Venue:	Hong Kong Maritime Museum, Central Pier No. 8, Hong Kong
Enquiries:	(852) 3713 2500
Website:	www.hkmaritimemuseum.org
Instagram:	@hongkongmaritimemuseum
Facebook:	HKMaritimeMuseum
Ticketing:	Available at reception. HKD30 for adult HKD15 for seniors / children (aged under 18) / students (aged above 18) and disabled (accompanied by a carer) Discounts are available for group visits of 20 or more.

About Hong Kong Maritime Museum

The Hong Kong Maritime Museum (HKMM) was founded by members of the Hong Kong Shipowners Association to help Hong Kong residents and visitors to the City explore its unique maritime heritage. HKMM was named as a TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Top 10 Museum in China in 2017, and is an independent, non-profit registered charity supported by the shipping industry, the business community, private individuals and the Hong Kong SAR Government. The HKMM is a cultural institution that tells the stories of Hong Kong's relationship with the sea, including the trades between Hong Kong and the Pearl River Delta and the World, and the vital roles played by so many ships in those stories.

The Museum opened its door to the public at Murray House in Stanley in 2005 and relocated to Central Pier No. 8 in the heart of the Central Harbour Waterfront in 2013. Today the Museum displays over 1,200 objects in 15 galleries, attracting about 130,000 visitors annually. The HKMM also houses various event spaces, a resource centre, its rooftop (social enterprise) Café 8 which enjoys wonderful harbour views, and a gift shop. The HKMM engages with the community of Hong Kong by providing education and public programming to schools, adults, community groups and families.

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