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Hong Kong Maritime Museum offers free admission for a special week-end programme of events to mark International Museum Day

Hong Kong, 8 May 2020 - To celebrate International Museum Day Hong Kong 2020, the recently re-opened Hong Kong Maritime Museum (HKMM) will be offering free admission to visitors for a special programme of events over the week-end of Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th May, co-organised with The Hong Kong Society for the Blind and City University of Hong Kong (CityU).

The 2020 theme is “Museums for Equality: Diversity and Inclusion” and HKMM will be hosting a special lighthouse themed week-end with their community partner, **CityU’s Lighthouse Heritage Research Connections (LHRC)** while highlighting the Museum’s close cooperative partnerships with organisations representing and empowering people of different abilities.

“Our Museum has always supported inclusivity projects and we are delighted to host a special week-end which celebrates the concept of museums for all, via the engaging maritime story of local lighthouses and how they helped develop the prosperous port of Hong Kong,” said Museum Director, Richard Wesley.

The highlight of the week-end is a special exhibition and presentation of seven 3D interactive models of some of the region’s best-known historical lighthouses. City University of Hong Kong alumni will explain the models to visitors and explain the importance of lighthouses to the development of the city.

HKMM is the only local museum to partner with community organisations and university students and offer inclusivity-themed activities as part of this year’s International Museum Day. The Museum will be providing general guided tours and hosting an entertaining programme of events.

The programme will include the world premiere screening of the music video, *Starry Night*, released by “the Cheers Band” formed by visually impaired with multiple disabilities members of **The Hong Kong Society for the Blind** and a live accordion music performance by a student of the **Ebenezer School**, at Café 8. The rooftop cafe is a social enterprise run in partnership with the **Nesbitt Centre** for 7 years which delivers training and employment opportunities to young adults with learning disabilities.

The Museum will also premiere two visually stunning new video documentaries about Cape D’Aguiar, Hong Kong’s oldest surviving lighthouse.

For this year’s celebration, Hong Kong museums will be some of the few in the world not restricted to a virtual and digital experience due to continuing public health restrictions. Museum services have been gradually resuming in the city since 6th May.

A full week-end programme of events at HKMM can be found at Hong Kong Maritime Museum’s

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HKMM	Free nautical themed stickers with image of AGA lens apparatus from the Waglan Island, one of the Museum's iconic exhibits, to visitors while stocks last.*
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HKMM Gift Shop	Free giveaway on any purchase over HK\$100 at HKMM Gift Shop while stocks last.
Café 8	15% discount upon presentation of museum ticket at Café 8, the Museum's roof-top café.

Visitors' Information on 16-17 May 2020 (Saturday - Sunday)

Opening hours:	10:00 – 19:00 (Free entry. Admission closes at 18:30)
Venue:	Hong Kong Maritime Museum, Central Pier No. 8, Hong Kong (next to the Observation Wheel)
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About Hong Kong Maritime Museum

The Hong Kong Maritime Museum (HKMM) was founded by members of the Hong Kong Shipowners Association committed to helping the Hong Kong community and visitors to Hong Kong explore the city's 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. HKMM is a cultural institution that tells the story of trade and maritime history in Hong Kong and the Pearl River Delta, and the vital roles ships and the sea play in our past, present and future.

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 about 1,000 objects in 15 galleries, attracting about 130,000 visitors annually. HKMM also

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houses various event spaces, resource centre, a roof-top social enterprise café, and gift shop that contribute to visitors' experiences. HKMM engages with the community of Hong Kong by actively engaging in education and public programming offered to schools, adults, community groups and families.

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