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### **Hong Kong Maritime Museum to close partially from December 2021 for construction of the Swire Marine Discovery Centre opening in Summer 2022**

**Hong Kong, 18 November 2021** – The Hong Kong Maritime Museum (HKMM) will close two floors (A Deck and B Deck) of its building temporarily to the public starting 1 December 2021. During the partial closure, the six galleries on C Deck will remain open to the visitors as usual. Construction of the museum’s new Swire Marine Discovery Centre will be conducted during the partial closure. The launch of the Centre and the reopening of the HKMM will be in Summer 2022.

Funded by the Swire Group Charitable Trust, the Swire Marine Discovery Centre is a new addition to the Hong Kong Maritime Museum. The Centre will provide the community with the unique opportunity to learn about Hong Kong’s maritime heritage and marine ecology. The museum’s A Deck will be transformed into a multipurpose theatre and exhibition spaces whereas learning space will be created on D Deck by the harbour. The Centre enables the HKMM to develop into an institution with the pioneering fusion of History, Art and Science in its educational offerings. The Centre is a meeting place for green groups, corporates, and schools to engage in dialogues, enable research, nurture young minds and drive solutions about timely issues and challenges pertaining to the “Green Planet, Blue Ocean” concept.

To prepare for the partial closure, exhibits on A Deck on maritime technology and science have travelled to the 2021 International Antique Art Fair in Beijing as the exhibition *Setting Sail: From Ancient Maritime Trade to Modern Maritime Shipping*, establishing a presence for the Hong Kong Maritime Museum in the nation’s capital. B Deck’s exhibits on maritime cultures and Hong Kong stories will be temporarily unavailable and will be reinstated at the reopening in 2022.

From 1 December 2021 to 1 February 2022, each visitor can receive a complimentary ticket with a purchase of a museum admission ticket. The complimentary ticket is a token of thanks for the community who continue to support the museum in this major transformation. During the partial closure, visitors can enjoy C Deck’s permanent galleries on China’s maritime heritage and the development of Victoria Harbour. Public programmes will be offered frequently on Sundays and public holidays, including the monthly talk series *The Fall and Rebirth of the City: Hong Kong during Japanese Occupation*, with the first talk on 28 November 2021. Guided tours by docents will also be available every weekend. The Museum Shop and rooftop Museum Café will remain open as usual.

Alongside the opening of the Swire Marine Discovery Centre in 2022, the Hong Kong Maritime Museum will present a major special exhibition, *Hong Kong Maritime’s Miracle: The Story of our City since 1945*, in June 2022. The exhibition explores Hong Kong’s miraculous rise from the ashes of World War II and how maritime themes remade our city, told through a selection of 25 representative exhibits that define Hong Kong’s maritime story and an immersive experience with film and digital elements. The exhibition commemorates the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong SAR.

**Download Images: <https://bit.ly/hkmmpartialclosure2021>**

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## Details of the Partial Closure

Date:	From 1 December 2021 onwards until further notice
Closed areas:	A Deck and B Deck, Hong Kong Maritime Museum *C Deck, Museum Café and Museum Shop remain open as usual
Museum's Opening hours:	09:30-17:30 (Monday to Friday) 10:00-19:00 (Saturday, Sunday, and Public Holidays) Closed on the first two days of the Chinese New Year *Opening hours may change depending on construction status. Announcement will be made in due course on the museum's website.
Special Promotion (1 December 2021 – 1 February 2022)	1 complimentary ticket (valid for one year) upon purchase of 1 museum admission ticket

## About Hong Kong Maritime Museum

The Hong Kong Maritime Museum (HKMM) is 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 is an independent, non-profit registered charity supported by the shipping industry, the business community, 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 beautifully situated 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. The HKMM also houses various event spaces for rent, a resource centre, its rooftop (social enterprise) Museum Café 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, community groups and families.

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