

**For Immediate Release**

**Hong Kong Maritime Museum extend the special exhibition "Across Victoria Harbour" to May 19, 2024, to celebrate the International Museum Day, key programmes including "Vehicular Ferry Cruise in Victoria Harbour" and "Behind the Exhibition: Work of a Curator" sharing session**



**Hong Kong, 23 April 2024** –International Museum Day (IMD) is an international day held annually on 18 May. This year, IMD themed “Museums for Education, and Research,” underscores the pivotal role of cultural institutions in providing a holistic educational experience. This day pushes for a more conscious, sustainable, and inclusive world. To celebrate the IMD, the Hong Kong Maritime Museum's special exhibition "Across Victoria Harbour" will be extended to May 19, 2024. The exhibition features a captivating collection of vintage Hong Kong photos, paintings, historical documents, and ship models, offering its audience a glimpse into the past. Interactive elements will also enhance visitors' experience of the exhibition. A life-size reconstruction of the old motorboat ticket booth will enable visitors to take a sentimental photo with Victoria Harbour as its backdrop, while the multimedia game “Travel by Walla-Walla” will allow the audience to step back in time and relive the nostalgia of chartering a motorboat in the bygone era.



(Section 1: The Harbour, the City, and the People)



(Model of “Walla-Walla”)



(“Travel by Walla-Walla” Multimedia Game and Old Motorboat Ticket Booth)



(Slideshow)

In addition, the curatorial team has curated two programmes suitable for students, families and young people, so that the public can better understand Hong Kong’s maritime culture and gain an in-depth understanding of the museum’s daily work.

### 1. Vehicular Ferry Cruise in Victoria Harbour



Before the Cross Harbour Tunnel was completed, those who needed to travel across the harbour would journey on the vehicular ferry and enjoy a bowl of "Meat and Egg" noodles on board while admiring the scenic Victoria Harbour. Complementing the special exhibition "Across Victoria Harbour", the Hong Kong Maritime Museum and Hong Kong Ferry (Holdings) Co. Ltd. jointly organized the "Vehicular Ferry Cruise in Victoria Harbour", offering the experience of boarding a ship while driving. During the cruise, there will be a sharing session on the history of Hong Kong ferry services, and passengers can also enjoy a light meal like "Meat and Egg" noodles, reminiscing about the nostalgic past.

This event will not only display precious historical documents and ship models of the Yaumati Ferry, but also will feature 5 antique cars. The ferry will stop at the Central Pier. Passengers can take a walk on the Central waterfront or visit the Hong Kong Maritime Museum. For those who do not drive could

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leave Central in advance. The ferry will eventually return to the North Point Vehicular Ferry Pier.

**Date:** 5 May 2024 (Sunday)

**Gathering time:** 1:00 pm

**Journey time:** 1:30 – 3:30 pm

**Gathering location:** North Point Vehicular Ferry Pier

**Language:** Cantonese

**Quota:**

- No. of people: 200
- No. of car: 20-25

**Fee:**

- Per people HKD150
- Per car (private car/ van) HKD100
- Per car (motorcar/ bicycle) HKD50

**Registration details:** <https://bit.ly/4b1jood>

## 2. “Behind the Exhibition: Work of a Curator” sharing session



To learn more about exhibition preparation and production, as well as the daily work of a curator, join an interactive tour led by our curatorial team now. In a friendly atmosphere, we share behind-the-scenes curatorial moments and hear your thoughts on the future of the museum. Drinks and snacks are provided at the event.

**Date:** 18 May 2024 (Saturday)

**Time:** 2:30 - 4:00pm

**Venue:** Hong Kong Maritime Museum

**Language:** Cantonese

**Quota:** 25

**Fee:** HKD50 per person

**Registration details:** <https://bit.ly/3W3tZe0>

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## **NOTES TO EDITOR**

### **About Hong Kong Maritime Museum**

The Hong Kong Maritime Museum (HKMM) was founded by Hong Kong's shipowning community 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 doors 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 1,000 objects in 15 galleries. The HKMM also houses various event spaces, a research centre and its Museum Cafe (social enterprise), which enjoys a wonderful harbour view. The HKMM engages with the community of Hong Kong by providing education and public programming to schools, adults, community groups and families.

[www.hkmaritimemuseum.org](http://www.hkmaritimemuseum.org)

### **Exhibition Date**

1 March – 19 May 2024

### **Ticketing information**

Adults: HK\$30 Seniors (aged 60 or above), full-time students (with valid ID), children (under 18) and people with disabilities (accompanied by a carer): HK\$15

\*Discounts are available for group visits of 10 or more.

For the latest update on ticketing, opening hours and social distancing information, please visit [www.hkmaritimemuseum.org](http://www.hkmaritimemuseum.org)

### **Venue**

Special Exhibitions and Events Gallery, Hong Kong Maritime Museum, Central Pier 8

### **Press Information**

Press images are available for download at <https://bit.ly/4aMQyZc>

For more information, please kindly visit

[www.hkmaritimemuseum.org/acrossvictoriaharbour](http://www.hkmaritimemuseum.org/acrossvictoriaharbour)

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