<u>Aristo Sham's Van Cliburn Piano</u> <u>Competition victory celebrated in New York (with photos)</u>

The Director of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in New York, Ms Maisie Ho, attended the 17th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition press conference in New York City on June 11 (New York time), where she congratulated Hong Kong pianist Aristo Sham on his momentous win at the prestigious Van Cliburn International Piano Competition.

Aristo Sham, whose remarkable artistry and technical brilliance captivated audiences and judges alike, made history as the first-ever Hong Kong pianist to win the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, one of the world's most esteemed classical music competitions, which concluded on June 7 in Fort Worth, Texas.

Remarking on Aristo Sham's extraordinary achievement, Ms Ho said, "Aristo's win at the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition is not only a personal triumph but also a source of immense pride for Hong Kong, further reinforcing Hong Kong's reputation as a nurturing home for extraordinary musical talent. This historic milestone also highlights Hong Kong's vibrant cultural legacy on the global stage and underpins Hong Kong's positioning as an East-Meets-West cultural hub."



