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She added, "We also see a gap in the market as creative artists who focus on craftsmanship in the region could not find a commercial channel. Hence, we aim to be an unusual art gallery in Hong Kong, offering a platform connecting art, design and hand craftsmanship and people who are interested in these areas."

She said that along with the gallery's "crowd-sourcing" concept, its debut exhibition will feature not only multimedia installations, but also an interactive late night audio-visual live show performed by two artists, Dutch-born audio-visual artist 0010×0010 and Hong Kong artist Quistography.

Associate Director-General of Investment Promotion Dr Jimmy Chiang welcomed Nido International Company Ltd's decision to open its gallery in Hong Kong. He said, "Hong Kong has a thriving art scene. Many international galleries have already set up their presence in the city. Together with the access to the fast growing number of high net worth individuals in Asia-Pacific, the city is an ideal place for overseas galleries from which to expand in the region."

About Nido International Company Ltd

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Guangdong/Hong Kong seminar on intellectual property and development of SMEs held in Foshan

Around 200 business representatives and government officials from Guangdong and Hong Kong attended the "2018 Guangdong/Hong Kong Seminar on Intellectual Property (IP) and the Development of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) (Foshan)" in Foshan, Guangdong Province, today (June 21).

The seminar, themed "IP Protection and Exploitation: Facilitating the Development of Innovation in the Bay Area", was targeted at Hong Kong SMEs and Mainland enterprises in Guangdong Province. It aimed to assist enterprises to develop effective IP protection and exploitation (including commercialisation) strategies so as to better capitalise on the opportunities offered by the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Bay Area, promote the development of innovation and enhance the international competitiveness of the enterprises.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the seminar, the Deputy Director of Intellectual Property, Ms Maria Ng, said that the seminar was one of the key co-operation items under the framework of the Guangdong/Hong Kong Expert Group on the Protection of Intellectual Property Rights.

Ms Ng said, "The theme of the seminar 'IP Protection and Exploitation: Facilitating the Development of Innovation in the Bay Area' dovetails with the current development needs. Through complementary co-operation and for the benefit of all parties, we could collaborate with Foshan and other cities in the city cluster of the Bay Area, with a view to assisting enterprises to

grasp the unprecedented opportunities arising from the Belt and Road Initiative and the development of the Bay Area."

During the seminar, Ms Ng introduced the latest works of the Intellectual Property Department (IPD) in supporting SMEs to harness the business opportunities brought about by IP trading through effective IP protection and exploitation.

The seminar was jointly organised by the IPD of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government, the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, the Guangdong Intellectual Property Office and the People's Government of Foshan Municipality; undertaken by the Intellectual Property Office of Foshan Municipality; and co-organised by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Guangdong of the HKSAR Government. The event was also supported by other members of the Expert Group, the Law Society of Hong Kong and the Federation of Hong Kong Industries.

Since 2004, Guangdong and Hong Kong have been working together to organise seminars regularly to promote the importance of IP protection and management among SMEs. Similar seminars were held in cities including Dongguan, Shaoguan, Shunde, Huizhou, Jiangmen, Zhanjiang, Zhuhai, Shantou, Zhongshan, Guangzhou, Zhaoqing, Qingyuan, Shanwei and Shenzhen. This is the second time the seminar has been held in Foshan by the Guangdong and Hong Kong authorities.

Details of the seminar in Foshan are available on the IPD's website (www.ipd.gov.hk).

[Young artists from Cantonese Opera Academy to showcase their talent in end of term performance](#)

The Cantonese Opera Academy of Hong Kong Training Course – End of Term Performance 2017/18, presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, will be held on July 21. The programme will offer an opportunity for the Academy's young Cantonese opera performers to showcase their talent and achievements onstage.

The performance will present excerpts from three operas, namely "First Encounter" from "The Story of the Purple Hairpin", "A Startling Change" and "Stealing the Magical Plant" from "The Legend of the White Snake", and "The Hunt War" from "Never-ending Love". The performances will feature current students of the Academy including Harumi Lau, Chan Shuk-lai, Mock Sum-yee, Chung Hei-man, Hon Tak-kwong, Yip Wing-yi, Vanessa Lung, Lam Kei-tung, Kwok

Chun-hang, Wong Yeuk-ning, Houston Chan, Roy Cheung, Lui Chi-fung, Wong Cheuk-ki, Jackie Leung, Ho Wing-yan and Chan Sze-wa.

The Cantonese Opera Academy of Hong Kong organises different training courses to train up performers, playwrights and instrument accompanists. Among the courses is a four-year programme in which young performers are trained in a progressive way by professional tutors and senior artists.

The Cantonese Opera Academy of Hong Kong – End of Term Performance 2017/18 will be staged at 7.30pm on July 21 (Saturday) at the Auditorium of the Ko Shan Theatre New Wing. Tickets priced at \$60 and \$90 are available at www.urbtix.hk. For credit card telephone bookings, please call 2111 5999.

For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2591 1300 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/ab/en/CT0C1718.php.

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