

Hong Kong Space Museum's Space Theatre to reopen with three new shows after renovation (with photos)

The Hong Kong Space Museum's Space Theatre will reopen on July 1 (Thursday) after a large-scale renovation. The new sky show "Worlds Beyond Earth", the Omnimax show "Ancient Caves" and the 3D dome show "Secrets of the Universe 3D" will also have their first screenings on the same day.

The Space Theatre has been thrilling audiences since its inception at the Hong Kong Space Museum in 1980. The renovation this time is of the largest scale ever. The major part of the project was the replacement of the 23-metre-diameter dome screen. Utilising the latest NanoSeam technology, the new screen offers a seamless viewing experience, enabling sharper and more colourful images for different shows. Other facilities of the Space Theatre, including the digital sky projection system, audio equipment, the control studio and the production studio have been upgraded with cutting-edge technologies to provide audiences with exhilarating audiovisual experiences.

The Space Museum has selected three new shows to be screened in the refurbished Space Theatre. The sky show "Worlds Beyond Earth" simulates a realistic and breathtaking solar system based on authentic data collected from space missions. Audiences will first visit the moon by following the lunar module "Falcon" of the Apollo mission of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration of the United States. Other space probes will bring viewers on a dramatic flight through the swirling rings of Saturn, and provide soaring encounters with distant worlds of active volcanoes and buried oceans. The 25-minute show will remain until December 31. Screening times are 5pm on weekdays; 11am, 3.30pm and 8pm on weekends and public holidays.

In the Omnimax show "Ancient Caves", audiences will join a treacherous expedition led by paleoclimatologist Dr Gina Moseley with her team of experienced cave explorers to search for ancient caves, both above and below water, in France, Iceland, the Bahamas, the US and Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula. The journey will help unlock the secrets of the Earth's climate change through collecting thousands of years-old stalagmite samples. The 40-minute show will remain until March 31 next year. Screening times are 3.30pm and 8pm on weekdays; 2pm and 6.30pm on weekends and public holidays.

The 3D dome show "Secrets of the Universe 3D" will immerse audiences in a scientific journey guided by world-renowned scientists. The visit to the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory and the Large Hadron Collider, the biggest machine ever built in human history, will help audiences learn more about how scientists make use of powerful scientific instruments in their attempts to unlock the secrets of the universe. The 42-minute show will remain until March 31 next year. Screening times are 2pm and 6.30pm on weekdays; 12.30pm and 5pm on weekends and public holidays.

Tickets priced at \$24 (front stalls) and \$32 (stalls) will be available at the Hong Kong Space Museum Box Office and URBIX (www.urbtix.hk) from tomorrow (June 30). The Museum, located at 10 Salisbury Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon, is closed on Tuesdays (except public holidays).

According to the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F), visitors are required to scan the "LeaveHomeSafe" QR code or register their name, contact number and date and time of entry before being allowed to enter museums for necessary contact tracing if a confirmed case is found. Appeals are made to visitors to download the "LeaveHomeSafe" mobile app in advance and scan the QR code with the app before entering. Visitors who opt for registering their personal information at the scene are reminded to arrive earlier to avoid delaying their visits, as a longer time is required for such registration.

In view of the latest situation of COVID-19, visitors to the Museum will need to use hand sanitiser and will be subject to temperature checks before admission. They also need to wear their own masks. Children under 3 years old will not be admitted to the Space Theatre. Children under 12 will only be allowed to enter the Museum and exhibition facilities when accompanied by an adult. For details of the shows and admission arrangements, please visit hk.space.museum/en_US/web/spm/spacetheatre.html, or call 2721 0226 for enquiries.



