

## LCSD and Shanghai Museum sign letter of intent to strengthen cultural exchange and co-operation (with photos)

The Director of Leisure and Cultural Services, Ms Michelle Li, today (September 14) signed a Letter of Intent on Cultural Exchange and Co-operation with the Director of the Shanghai Museum, Mr Yang Zhigang, with the aim of strengthening co-operation between Hong Kong and Shanghai in preserving and showcasing cultural heritage.

Under the five-year plan, the two sides will not only hold joint exhibitions but also share their expertise and experience in organising forums and exchange sessions. A collaborative scheme in heritage conservation will be set up to strengthen the training and mutual exchange of the professionals between the two sides. In addition, a mechanism will be established for exchanging information about major exhibitions to be co-organised with foreign museums. Both sides will also jointly publish and exchange educational materials and creative products.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department has long held a good and close relationship with the Shanghai Museum. They jointly organised an exhibition entitled "Selection from the Guoyun Lou Collection of the Shanghai Museum" in 2003, which showcased 72 invaluable pieces of Chinese paintings from the collection of the Shanghai Museum. A series of gallery talks and sharing sessions by experts were also organised, allowing members of the public to appreciate the Chinese arts from different perspectives.

