

Music Office's Instrumental Music Training Scheme invites applications from beginners

The Instrumental Music Training Scheme, organised by the Music Office of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, is now recruiting beginners for its 2020-21 Elementary Year 1 courses. Children and youths aged 6 to 14 with no instrumental experience are welcome to apply. The deadline for applications is August 7.

The scheme provides training in almost 30 Chinese and Western musical instruments including violin, viola, cello, double bass, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, French horn, trombone, suona, sheng, dizi, erhu, pipa, zhongruan and others, with supplementary training in musicianship and theory. It seeks to help children and youths develop their potential and interest in music through a systematic course of training.

One-hour group lessons are conducted weekly in Cantonese at the Music Office's music centres located in Wan Chai, Kwun Tong, Mong Kok, Sha Tin and Tsuen Wan. Annual tuition fees of \$1,764 for the first year and \$2,156 for the second year are payable in four instalments. A fee remission scheme is available for trainees in need of financial assistance.

Applications can be done online at www.lcsd.gov.hk/musicoffice. Course pamphlets and application forms are also available at all of the Music Office's music centres. Applicants who meet the age requirement will be invited to attend a music aptitude test and an interview on August 30 and notified of the results by October. The training will start in early November.

For enquiries, please call the Music Office's music centres at 2802 0657 (Wan Chai), 2796 2893 (Kwun Tong), 2399 2200 (Mong Kok), 2158 6462 (Sha Tin) and 2417 6429 (Tsuen Wan).