

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 2021-22 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 6.

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 five music centres 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 receive details for their submission of an admission assessment video by August 13. The deadline for submission of the video will be August 23. Applicants will be notified of the results in mid-October and the training will commence 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).

In view of the latest situation of COVID-19, visitors to music centres of the Music Office are required to scan the "LeaveHomeSafe" QR code or register their name, contact number and the date and time of the visit before being allowed to enter. They will also need to use hand sanitiser, wear their own masks and be subject to temperature checks.