

Online Hong Kong Flower Show 2021 to launch tomorrow (with photos)

The Online Hong Kong Flower Show 2021 (Online Flower Show), presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, will be held from 10am tomorrow (March 19) to April 19 on the dedicated website (www.hkflowershow.hk), showcasing 20 garden plots of exquisite floral designs. The public can enjoy this new experience comfortably at home via the Online Flower Show website.

Returning with the overall theme "City of Flowers, City of Love", along with the rhododendron as theme flower, the Online Flower Show will feature an entertaining 3D virtual tour that guides members of the public on a 360-degree virtual journey of 20 Oriental-style and Western-style garden plots with thematic floral displays at designated parks in Hong Kong. The garden plots across 18 districts are of distinctive designs ranging from simple and elegant arrangements of Chinese pavilions, tranquil Japanese gardens and beautiful Thai decorations, to the colourful and delightful displays of Western-style gardens.

The theme flower display at Kowloon Park covers a variety of rhododendrons, together with an attractive and spectacular mosaiculture display comprising seven pieces of rhododendrons, each over 1.5 metres in height. The wonderful mosaic is made up of more than 7 000 mokara and dendrobium. The Tulip Display at the Central and Western District Promenade (Central Section) with 15 000 colourful flowers is popular among the public for photo-taking alongside the waterfront. The public can check out taking photos with these two thematic displays via the "LCSD Pluss" Instagram filter for selfies to enjoy a virtual on-site experience.

Other fun and fascinating content making up the Online Flower Show includes an interesting animation that introduces the legend of the rhododendron; rhododendron blossoms in the city; demonstrations on flower planting, flower appreciation and flower photography tips; and the showcase of previous flower shows and theme flowers. There are interactive games involving horticultural knowledge, and WhatsApp stickers for downloading and sharing the fun with family and friends. The public may also participate in an online voting activity through which the public can vote for their favourite Oriental Style Garden Plot and Western Style Garden Plot from the 18 districts for a chance to win prizes.

Moreover, the Hong Kong Science Museum (ScM) will present a special exhibition "Exploring Flowers with Five Senses" from tomorrow. Visitors can explore the wonderful world of flowers with interactive exhibits and their senses to look at the mysteries of the flower world. They can also touch plants with different textures, listen to their rhythm, learn the history of edible flower recipes and enjoy the artistry and perfumery of floral scents. Special opening hours from 10am to 5pm daily (except on regular closing days) will be implemented. The Museum will also apply admission by sessions and

quotas to limit visitor flows. For details please visit the ScM's website (hk.science.museum).

In addition, displays of books on flowers and plants, and children's stories inspired by flowers and springtime will be specially set up in Hong Kong Central Library and City Hall Public Library. Readers can also discover more about flowers and plants through reading online from the website of Hong Kong Public Libraries. For the latest information, please visit the Online Flower Show's dedicated website.

Visitors to facilities of public libraries and museums 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 12 will only be allowed to enter the venues when accompanied by an adult. Enhanced measures including cleaning and disinfection between sessions will be conducted. Appeals are made to members of the public to use the "LeaveHomeSafe" mobile app and scan the QR code with the app before entering the LCSD venues. For a visitor who opts for registering personal information for entering, the venue staff may immediately call the contact number provided by the visitor on the spot to verify the authenticity of information. Visitors are reminded to arrive earlier to avoid delaying their visits as a longer time is required for such registration. To tie in with the Government's anti-epidemic efforts, the aforesaid arrangements aim to enable necessary contact tracing if a confirmed case is found, thus minimising the risk of further transmission of the virus.



