## Second-round application for Community-driven Projects under ICH Funding Scheme extended

The Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) Office of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department today (February 10) announced that the deadline for second-round application for the Community-driven Projects under the ICH Funding Scheme has been extended for two weeks to 6pm on March 16.

The objective of the funding scheme is to support local residents and organisations with relevant experience to carry out ICH projects with a view to strengthening the safeguarding, research, promotion, education and transmission of local ICH items, as well as supporting relevant transmission projects conducted by local bearers and bearer organisations. Through engaging the community's participation in safeguarding ICH, the scheme aims at enhancing the public awareness and understanding of, as well as respect for, ICH.

The scope of support of the Community-driven Projects covers projects related to the items in the Representative List and the Inventory of the ICH of Hong Kong. To attain the desired impacts of the Community-driven Projects, the proposed projects must be of a larger scale. As such, the funding amount applied for each project shall not be less than \$250,000.

Application information is available at the ICH Office website  $(\underline{www.lcsd.gov.hk/ICHO})$ .