

# Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism expresses sorrow over passing of Mr Choi Chang-sau

The Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism, Miss Rosanna Law, today (February 7) expressed sorrow over the passing of Mr Choi Chang-sau, a master of the Arts of the Guqin, which is on the National List of Intangible Cultural Heritage. Miss Law extended her condolences to Mr Choi's family.

Miss Law said, "Inheriting the craftsmanship of guqin making, Mr Choi took up the operation of his family business, the Choi Fook Kee musical instrument shop, and founded the Choi Chang Sau Qin Making Society in 2011. Dedicated to the arts for many years, he shared his knowledge generously with local guqin lovers, making remarkable contributions to nurturing talent and passing on precious intangible cultural heritage. We are deeply saddened by the passing of Mr Choi."

With a history dating back more than 3 000 years, the guqin is one of the oldest plucked musical instruments in China. Guqin making is a traditional art that involves various skills including woodwork, lacquering, calligraphy and the actual making of music. The Arts of the Guqin was inscribed onto the fourth National List of Intangible Cultural Heritage in 2014.