

New version of “A Symphony of Lights” launched on May 1

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To welcome the upcoming “Golden Week”, a new version of “A Symphony of Lights” will be launched on May 1. The Show will also be enhanced with rooftop pyrotechnic displays from May 1 to May 8.

“A Symphony of Lights” has been extremely popular among visitors and the community since its launch in January 2004. Using new lighting and musical effects, the Tourism Commission has created a brand new “A Symphony of Lights” extravaganza taking into account feedback from the trade and the community. The Show comprises four major themes, representing different stages of development of Hong Kong from a fishing village to a cosmopolitan city. The Show will be even more exciting and exploits fully the complementarity between light and sound.

The first scene “Birth” begins with the use of architectural lights gently lighting up individual participating buildings, setting the stage for the Show. This is complemented by the use of lasers and searchlights across the full canvas of night sky. This scene signifies the beginning of Hong Kong as a quiet fishing village over one hundred years ago.

The second scene “Growth” is represented by the display of rising colour patterns. Traditional lucky red and gold colours are displayed across buildings, complemented by the introduction of music using Chinese musical instruments, signifying that Hong Kong has maintained its Chinese traditions whilst embracing cultural diversity.

The third scene “Joy” features the dynamism and energy of Hong Kong. Lasers again beam out over the entire Harbour. The buildings seem to dance in celebration, in perfect tandem with the lights.

The finale “Dazzling Hong Kong” brings out a powerful rhythmic display of myriad colour patterns and movements. The exciting final scene represents an even brighter future for Asia’s World City – Hong Kong.

CITIC Tower will participate for the first time in “A Symphony of Lights” during the May Golden Week. Hence the total number of participating buildings will be increased to 20, all on Hong Kong Island. It is envisaged that over 30 buildings on both sides of the Harbour will participate in the Show when it is extended to Kowloon side in December this year.

The pyrotechnic displays between May 1-8 will be sponsored by the Hong Kong Tourism Board, and will be specially designed and choreographed to blend with the new version of “A Symphony of Lights”.

The Show starts at 8 pm and the best viewing location is along the Avenue of Stars on the Tsim Sha Tsui waterfront. The broadcasting arrangements along the Avenue of Stars are as follows:

May 1 (Sun) Cantonese

May 2 (Mon) English

May 3 (Tue) Putonghua

May 4 (Wed) English

May 5 (Thu) Putonghua

May 6 (Fri) English

May 7 (Sat) Putonghua

May 8 (Sun) Cantonese

Spectators may also listen to the soundtrack via the radio by tuning in to FM 103.4 MHz (English), FM 106.8 MHz (Cantonese) or FM 107.9 MHz (Putonghua); or through their mobile phones by dialing 35-665-665 (English) or 35-665-668 (Putonghua).

For enquiries on “A Symphony of Lights”, please call the Tourism Commission at 2810 2555 or 2810 2770 during office hours, or the Hong Kong Tourism Board’s Visitor Hotline at 2508 1234 from 8 am to 6 pm daily. The public may also visit the following website for information on the Show: <http://www.tourism.gov.hk/symphony> or <http://www.discoverhongkong.com>.