

Press Release

"A Symphony of Lights" sets Guinness World Records

"A Symphony of Lights" has just been awarded the world's "Largest Permanent Light and Sound Show" by Guinness World Records. The Show has been accredited basing on the existing 20 buildings jointly performing in a fully synchronized light and sound show every night.

The Victoria Harbour is an invaluable asset of Hong Kong. "A Symphony of Lights", the 13-minute nightly spectacle developed by the Tourism Commission, aims to further enhance the attraction of Victoria Harbour by showcasing its vibrancy and glamorous night vista.

The Financial Secretary, Mr Henry Tang, presided over the Guinness World Records Certificate presentation ceremony tonight (November 21). Head of Records, Mr Marco Frigatti, presented the Guinness World Records Certificate to the Commissioner for Tourism, Ms Eva Cheng. The ceremony was held at the Promenade of the Golden Bauhinia Square.

Addressing at the Certificate Presentation Ceremony, Mr Tang said, "The Guinness World Records award represents an important international recognition for 'A Symphony of Lights'. Now awarded the world's "Largest Permanent Light and Sound Show" title, I believe the Show will further encourage visitors to come to Hong Kong and discover the experience of a life time here."

"A Symphony of Lights truly demonstrates the remarkable synergy of public-private partnership. Participation in the Show is entirely voluntary. This unprecedented joint venture between the public and private organizations is not bound by contract, but by our Hong Kong spirit, which has marvelled many of our tourism counter-parts overseas," he added.

Ms Eva Cheng, said after the ceremony, "The Tourism Commission's joint venture with key buildings in developing this unprecedented project has been very well received by both locals and visitors. The award of the World's "Largest Permanent Light and Sound Show" title is a great encouragement to us. We will continue to work hard for the Phase II Show with a view to further enhancing the attraction of this tourism project and the night vista of our Victoria

Harbour."

Also held tonight was a special light-up event to mark the completion of lighting installations for government buildings along the Kowloon waterfront: Hong Kong Cultural Centre, Hong Kong Museum of Art and Hong Kong Coliseum. They will participate in Phase II of "A Symphony of Lights" to be launched next month. Phase II will cover 33 buildings on both sides of Victoria Harbour.

Mr Henry Tang also officiated at the light-up ceremony, joined by Chairman of the Hong Kong Tourism Board, the Hon Mrs Selina Chow; Permanent Secretary for Economic Development, Ms Sandra Lee; and Director of Leisure and Cultural Services, Ms Anissa Wong.

For enquiries about "A Symphony of Lights", please call the Tourism Commission at 2810 2555 during office hours. The public may also visit the following website for information on the Show:

<http://www.tourism.gov.hk/symphony>.

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