

Speech by FS at "A Symphony of Lights" Guinness World Records Certificate presentation ceremony

Following is the speech by the Financial Secretary, Mr Henry Tang, at "A Symphony of Lights" Guinness World Records Certificate presentation ceremony and the Phase II Government Buildings Light-up Ceremony of this synchronized light and sound show at the promenade at Golden Bauhinia Square this (November 21) evening:

Selina, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

We have double excitement this evening. First, our sound and light show "A Symphony of Lights" is recognised by the Guinness World Records as the world's largest of its kind. Second, we will light up selected government buildings on the Kowloon side to mark the beginning of phase II of the Show.

Through the magic of light and sound, "A Symphony of Lights" proudly showcases our sparkling city sky-line and enhances the irresistible appeal of our Victoria Harbour. The Show has charmed millions of visitors and residents since it was launched last year. The show has also provided great business opportunities for the tourism related sectors such as restaurants, hotels, harbour cruise and tour operators.

"A Symphony of Lights" truly demonstrates the remarkable synergy of public-private partnership. This unprecedented joint venture is entirely voluntary and is put together by our Hong Kong spirit, which has long been the pride of our vibrant city.

In a month's time, "A Symphony of Lights" will embark on a new phase. The total number of performers on both sides of the harbour will increase from 20 to 33, including three Government buildings, namely, Hong Kong Cultural Centre, Hong Kong Museum of Art, and Hong Kong Coliseum. The lighting up of these three buildings tonight marks the start of a new phase and demonstrates the Government's firm commitment to the project.

I would like to congratulate all participating buildings and parties on the success of such an ambitious project. The world's "Largest Permanent Light and Sound Show" would not have been possible without your generous

contribution and hard work. My special thanks go to all of you and I look forward to your continuous support for this innovative and rewarding project.

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