

Hong Kong Airport brings art and culture to travelers

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Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) has relaunched its “Art, Culture and Music at the Airport 2016” festival to coincide with the airport’s 18th anniversary. The five-month program will feature an array of art and culture displays, with local talents showcasing the city’s unique blend of Eastern and Western culture.

The debut of “Hong Kong Classics: Art, Culture and Music” last year received acclaim from travellers and the public, encouraging the Airport Authority Hong Kong (AA) to host the event again this year. This year’s festival features performances and exhibitions, ranging from Cantonese Opera, classical and jazz music, and photo exhibitions to comics and cityscape sketches. The event also allows visitors from around the world to get a glimpse of Hong Kong’s multicultural ambiance.



Professor Anthony Cheung Bing-leung, Secretary for Transport and Housing; Anita Fung, Chairlady of AA’s Art and Culture Advisory Committee; and Fred Lam, Chief Executive Officer of AA attended the opening ceremony today.

Officiating at the ceremony, Fung said; “To enhance passengers’ overall airport experience, we cannot only rely on hardware improvements. We must also introduce new services and ideas catering to passengers’ different needs. This is why AA established the Art and Culture Advisory Committee

last year - to showcase local art and culture at HKIA. The committee has organized various art, culture and music activities at the airport, providing a unique and memorable experience for travellers, and introducing them to Hong Kong's talented local artists and its one-of-a-kind East meets West culture. We hope to use the airport as a stage to showcase our lively local culture and arts to passengers from around the world."

At the ceremony, Professor Adrian Walter, Director of the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA), renowned pianist Nancy Loo and students of the academy treated audiences to mesmerizing guitar and piano performances. Around 40 HKAPA students also staged a flash mob performance of French composer Maurice Ravel's *Bolero*.