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**Online Opening for Glimpses Part 2 - An Exhibition of Watercolour sketches by
Professor Desmond Hui in Celebration of the Establishment of
the Department of Art and Design at the Hang Seng University of Hong Kong**

Following a successful launch of the Exhibition Glimpses Part 1 to celebrate the establishment of the Department of Art and Design at the Hang Seng University of Hong Kong on July 16, 2020, Part 2 of the exhibition was officiated online by the Secretary for the Environment, the Honourable Mr Wong Kam-sing, GBS, JP on Monday August 17, 2020, to coincide with the start of the new academic year and the new Department of Art and Design. He was joined by the President of the University Professor Simon Ho and the Founding Head of the Department of Art and Design, Professor Desmond Hui, who is also the artist of the exhibition.

President Ho gave his welcome remarks affirming the objectives of establishing a programme and department of Art and Design at HSUHK with emphasis on Art Tech as advocated by the OHKF Study was effective and correct as proven by the use of technology in hosting the online exhibition as well as the opening. Explaining the University's continuing efforts to build up both the academic and infrastructural strengths and supports in relation to creative arts and innovative studies, he also exhorted future development links to the environment and hence possible support from the Bureau.

Prof Desmond Hui then introduced the contents of the exhibition, highlighting its relationship as landscape paintings to the environment, which include the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Jeju and Okinawa, the Refuse Incineration Park in Beitou of Taipei, the water quality of Puli near Taichung, the windcatchers in the desert climate of Yazd in Iran, the grain and food storage of Spanish horreos in Pontevedra, and finally the Victoria Harbour, Tathong Channel and Happy Valley in Hong Kong. Commenting on these landscapes as testimony of human inhabitation and survival with the environment, he invoked art as the embodiment of hope for the future and therefore the ultimate goal of establishing a department of Art and Design.

The Secretary for the Environment Mr Wong delivered his speech under three headings of Cs: First, Congratulations – offering his cheers to the exhibition and the new department; Second, Creativity – advocating the importance of linking art and design with humanity and environmental consideration; the need of creativity in the new era of challenges, with emerging technologies and environmental issues; Third, Collaboration – the care with youth development and government collaboration with universities in art, architecture, design and construction relating to biodiversity and environmental protection. The Government looks forward to collaborating with HSUHK in similar projects in future.



After the speeches and exiting of Mr Wong and President Ho, Prof Hui continued to introduce the new Department of Art and Design with the new staff members, followed by interaction with the online guests including the Dean of Humanities and Social Science Prof KK Tam and Dean of Translation and Foreign Languages Prof Gilbert Fong. The University Librarian Ms Sarena Law wrapped up the meeting with the final vote of thanks.

Photos:



Picture 1: The Exhibition Glimpses Part 2 was officiated online by the Secretary for the Environment, the Honourable Mr Wong Kam-sing, GBS, JP.



Picture 2: The President of HSUHK, Professor Simon Ho and the Founding Head of the Department of Art and Design, Professor Desmond Hui delivered speeches on the event.



Picture 3: Professor Simon Ho gave his welcome remarks affirming the objectives of establishing a programme and department of Art and Design at HSUHK.



Picture 4: Professor Desmond Hui introduced the contents of the exhibition, highlighting its relationship as landscape paintings to the environment.

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