

## Hong Kong String Orchestra's concert in Singapore

With the support of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (HKETO) in Singapore, the Hong Kong String Orchestra (HKSΟ) concluded its “One Belt One Road Journey – Pan Asia Tour” in Singapore, performing to a full house of some 240 audience at Esplanade in the evening of January 17. Presenting Western classical music, Chinese folk songs as well as Cantopop Medley in the concert, the HKSΟ, a young and home-grown string orchestra in Hong Kong, captivated the audience by demonstrating their enormous power and passion in music.

Founded by virtuoso violinist Yao Jue in 2013, the HKSΟ was recognised for its “music uniqueness fusing Eastern and Western influences”. The Orchestra has also been dedicated to nurturing young strings elites and grooming budding music talents in Hong Kong.

The Director of the HKETO in Singapore, Mr Wong Chun To, hosted a reception before the concert and gave words of encouragement to the young music ambassadors of Hong Kong. Mr Wong also shared the HKSAR Government's efforts in creating a conducive environment and developing both the cultural hardware and software with an aim to promote the vibrancy of the arts and cultural scene in Hong Kong.

## EVENTS GALLERY



Hong Kong String Orchestra Artistic Director Yao Jue and the Hong Kong young musicians perform to some 240 audience at Esplanade.



The Director of HKETO in Singapore, Mr Wong Chun To, addresses guests from the diplomatic, government and business sectors as well as the local Hong Kong community at the reception.



Mr Wong (second right), Ms Yao (centre), Counsellor (Internal Affairs) of the Chinese Embassy in Singapore, Mr Pan Zejun (second left); President of Hong Kong Singapore Business Association, Mr Philip Chan (first right); and Founder of Altenburg Arts Pte Ltd, Mr Lionel Choi (first left), propose a toast for the success of the concert.

## HSBA Chinese New Year Networking Luncheon Talk in Singapore

The Hong Kong Singapore Business Association (HSBA) held its Chinese New Year Networking Luncheon Talk on February 7. Deputy CIO and Global Head of Research of EFG Asset Management, Mr Daniel Murray, shared his insights about the world economic developments in 2020 during the luncheon. The Director of the HKETO in Singapore, Mr Wong Chun To, also took the opportunity to update participants on Hong Kong's latest situation. He assured Singapore's business community that Hong Kong's fundamentals remained strong despite the social unrest last year. The city is still recognised as a competitive financial hub with free movement of capital and information, a simple tax system, a sound regulatory mechanism, the rule of law and a wide array of professional services. Hong Kong topped the list in raising IPO funds in 2019 and will continue to be a perfect springboard for foreign enterprises to tap in the massive Mainland market. Mr Wong also outlined the multi-pronged measures taken by the Hong Kong Government to contain the spread of COVID-19 and protect the health of the community.



Mr Wong (second from right, facing camera) joins the "lo-hei" tradition at the HSBA luncheon to celebrate the Chinese New Year.



Mr Wong updates the business community in Singapore on Hong Kong's situation at the luncheon talk.



Networking with the business community at the luncheon. (Front row sitting, from left) Mr Wong, President of HSBA, Mr Philip Chan; Chairman of HSBA, Mr Dennis Chiu; and Mr Murray.

## Visit by Hong Kong Baptist University student delegation

We received a student delegation from Hong Kong at the beginning of the New Year. Twenty-six students from Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU) were in Singapore for a career exploration trip. The Director of the HKETO in Singapore, Mr Wong Chun To, gave a briefing to the delegation on the Hong Kong-ASEAN relationship, Belt and Road Initiative, functions of the HKETO in promoting Hong Kong overseas, as well as the ASEAN Internship Scheme for Hong Kong Higher Education Students. Mr Wong and the youngsters had an engaging dialogue and fruitful exchanges of their study and work plans during the session.

