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Standard Chartered Arts in the Park 2021

Our two-day “Giant Puppet and Dramatic Costume Showcase” successfully held



Photo 1: CEO, Asia, Standard Chartered, Mr Benjamin Hung (centre) and CEO, Standard Chartered Hong Kong, Ms Mary Huen (left) at the *Standard Chartered Arts in the Park 2021* “Giant Puppet and Dramatic Costume Showcase”.



Photo 2: Officiating guests Secretary for Home Affairs, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Mr Caspar Tsui Ying-wai (centre), CEO, Asia, Standard Chartered, Mr Benjamin Hung (left), CEO, Standard Chartered Hong Kong, Ms Mary Huen (right) visit the *Standard Chartered Arts in the Park 2021*.



Photo 3: The *Standard Chartered Arts in the Park 2021* “Giant Puppet and Dramatic Costume Showcase” kicked off. The spectacular showcase featured 200 performers and 11 four-metre high giant puppets inspired by characters from *Peter Pan*.



Photo 4: Officiating at the “Giant Puppet and Dramatic Costume Showcase” kick-off ceremony were the Secretary for Home Affairs, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Mr Caspar Tsui Ying-wai (sixth left), CEO, Asia, Standard Chartered, Mr Benjamin Hung (sixth right), CEO, Standard Chartered Hong Kong, Ms Mary Huen (fifth left) and other guests.



Photo 5: These giant puppets and some 130 pieces of showcase artworks were created by professional artists and local primary and secondary school students. After months of dedicated hard work, the students proudly showed off their vibrant creations on our showcase stage.

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(Hong Kong, November 7, 2021) Our two-day Peter Pan-themed *Standard Chartered Arts in the Park 2021* was successfully concluded at the West Kowloon Cultural District Art Park! The much-anticipated “Giant Puppet and Dramatic Costume Showcase” featuring 200 local primary and secondary students and artists was a spectacular highlight. The opening ceremony on the first day was officiated by Secretary for Home Affairs, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Mr Caspar Tsui Ying-wai, JP, Chief Executive Officer, Asia, Standard Chartered, Mr Benjamin Hung BBS, JP, Chief Executive Officer, Standard Chartered Hong Kong, Ms Mary Huen and Founder, Hong Kong Youth Arts Foundation, Ms Lindsey McAlister OBE, JP.

After two years of absence, *Standard Chartered Arts in the Park 2021* returned to foster creativity among the youths and to fill the city with positivity. About 7,100 youths have altogether devoted 20,000 hours to create the artworks and dance performances for this iconic family-oriented, free admission art carnival that suits people of all ages.

Organised by Hong Kong Youth Arts Foundation, sponsored by Standard Chartered Community Foundation and powered by Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited, *Standard Chartered Arts in the Park* is Hong Kong’s largest outdoor youth arts carnival. Now in its 21st year, *Standard Chartered Arts in the Park* is an annual event held over two days every November, bringing joy and laughter to over 190,000 visitors and helping young participants develop important life skills such as creativity, teamwork, problem solving, leadership and self-confidence. This year, for the first time, alongside two days of outdoor events in the Art Park, we also present a five-day-long programme of online arts activities – all inspired by the magical story of *Peter Pan*.

For more information about *Standard Chartered Arts in the Park*, please visit www.scartsinthepark.com or follow us on Facebook [@SCArtsInThePark](https://www.facebook.com/SCArtsInThePark).

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About *Standard Chartered Arts in the Park*

Standard Chartered Arts in the Park (AIP) is an annual youth education programme through the arts. By providing participants with exciting opportunities, the programme helps them improve their self-confidence and enhance important life skills including creativity, team spirit and leadership. The six-month programme culminates in a two-day free admission festival in November, aspiring to create a positive, family-oriented art carnival in Hong Kong to fill the city with positivity and foster creativity and appreciation of local talent.

Launched in 2001, *AIP* first took place at Stanley Plaza. Since then, the event has become the largest outdoor youth arts festival in Hong Kong, moving its location to Causeway Bay's Victoria Park in 2008. In 2012, the Grand Finale Parade expanded out of the park and onto the streets of Causeway Bay, and in 2013 the very first illuminated Night Parade took place. In 2020, we launched our first-ever week-long online series of art programmes for participants to stay creative and connected at home. Each year, over 3,500 young people and local and overseas organisations come together to produce vibrant costumes and giant puppets for spectacular street parades, plus a variety of stage performances and art stalls, attracting over 190,000 visitors annually.

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About Hong Kong Youth Arts Foundation

Hong Kong Youth Arts Foundation (HKYAF) is a charity that provides access to high quality, non-competitive free-of-charge arts experiences for all young people aged 5 to 25. Established in 1993 by Lindsey McAlister OBE, JP, HKYAF organises inclusive and inspirational projects that reach out to youngsters of all cultures, backgrounds, languages and abilities, and actively creates opportunities for those who are disadvantaged and underprivileged. Each year, HKYAF reaches over 800,000 people through its projects, exhibitions and performances.

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