

Home Affairs Bureau launches ethnic cultural programme

The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) has launched an ethnic cultural programme to promote the value of cultural diversity and to encourage inter-communal understanding.

The programme, "Culture in Motion", will be launched with a Filipino cultural show this Sunday (February 20) at the Chater Road Pedestrian Precinct in Central.

"Culture in Motion" will include a series of Sunday cultural programmes featuring music and dance performances, exhibitions, and other forms of entertainment to promote the cultural heritage of different ethnic communities in Hong Kong.

"Culture in Motion is among the Government's initiatives to foster the ethnic minorities' sense of belonging to Hong Kong, while retaining their own cultural identities," an HAB spokesman said today (February 18).

"To enhance mutual understanding, we invite local Chinese to join ethnic minorities in the cultural shows."

The Filipino show will start with a parade at the Chater Road Pedestrian Precinct at 10am on Sunday. Other programmes include an open air art exhibition and photo exhibition called "Hong Kong is in the Heart", traditional Filipino dance performances, and a cultural show starting at 3pm featuring performances by respectable singers Teresa Carpio and Tara M. Polo, Hong Kong Musician Union and MIGA International Band. Participants are also invited to join traditional Filipino games at the show.

Accompanied by Consul-General of the Republic of the Philippines, Mrs Corazon L. Belmonte-Jover, Secretary for Home Affairs, Dr Patrick Ho, and Acting Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Stephen Fisher, will join the people to appreciate the beauty and uniqueness of Philippine culture.

The Filipino cultural programme will end at 6 pm. Admission is free. For enquiries, please call HAB's Race Relations Unit on 2835 1579 during office hours.

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