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INTERNATIONAL POETRY NIGHTS IN HONG KONG

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Press Release

Organized by the Faculty of Arts at The Chinese University of Hong Kong, the Faculty of Arts at The Hong Kong Baptist University, and the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, *International Poetry Nights in Hong Kong 2013 (IPNHK2013)*, a gala in celebration of poetry and poets, will be held **from 21 to 24 November 2013** in Hong Kong. A total of eighteen renowned poets from all around the globe will participate in the event - the biggest international gathering of poets in the history of Hong Kong. The theme of this year's festival is "**Islands or Continents**", through which we will highlight Hong Kong's unique geo-political status as well as its potential for evolution into a multilingual platform for international poetry. This year, we will extend our series of activities into Shenzhen, Guangzhou and Shantou.

The poets participating in IPNHK2013 are Adonis (Syria), Aase Berg (Sweden), Conchitina Cruz (The Philippines), Menna Elfyn (Wales, United Kingdom), Lee Seong-bok (South Korea), Tim Lilburn (Canada), Zeyar Lynn (Myanmar), Dunya Mikhail (Iraq), Peter Minter (Australia), Tomasz Różycki (Poland), Olvido García Valdés (Spain), Jeffrey Yang (USA), Raúl Zurita (Chile), Natalia Chan (Hong Kong), Han Dong (mainland China), Lan Lan (mainland China), Un Sio San (Macau), and Ye Mimi (Taiwan).

In order to further integrate poetry into the general community, IPNHK2013 will join hands with the British Council and Hong Kong Tramways, Limited to present a new and fascinating project - "**Poetry on the Tram**", in partnership with the European Union, Alliance Française de Hong Kong, and the Consulate General of Spain in Hong Kong. From mid-November, more than 25 tramcars, decorated with poetry in both Chinese and English, will operate on Hong Kong Island until late January 2014. Through this meaningful project, passengers can experience the poetic breath brimming over the city.

Activities of *International Poetry Nights in Hong Kong 2013* include:

- 20 November - International Press Conference
- 21 November - Panel Discussions, Opening Ceremony and Poetry Recitation
- 22 November - Panel Discussions, Poetry Recitation
- 23 November - Poetry Recitation
- 24 November - Closing Ceremony and Poetry Recitation
- 25-26 November - *Poets will be grouped to participate in events at Shantou University, Guangzhou and Shenzhen*

*Activities will take place at The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Baptist University, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and the HKICC Lee Shau Kee School of Creativity.

Activities of IPNHK2013 will be conducted multilingually. The organizers will also publish a series of poetry booklets for the invited poets, to include poetry selections in English, Chinese and the original language. Poetry lovers of all nationalities are welcome to attend the public activities, which prior registration preferred. For more details, please visit the website of IPNHK2013 - <http://www.ipnhk.com/> or Facebook Page – "International Poetry Nights in Hong Kong".

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