



## **Standard Chartered Hong Kong 150th Anniversary Community Foundation Haw Par SummerFest 2014**

### ***Haw Par Music Foundation offered an inspirational new learning experience for Hong Kong's young string players***

(Hong Kong, 25 August 2014) Haw Par Music Foundation, a not-for-profit educational organisation encouraging learning through music, hosted its first music education programme for children this summer with great success.

The Haw Par SummerFest 2014, sponsored by the Standard Chartered Hong Kong 150th Anniversary Community Foundation, launched with a String Orchestra Camp for young string players which focused on Vivaldi's masterpiece – The Four Seasons. It was a chance for young musicians to open their minds through music education. The programme ended on a high note, with a Culminating Concert on 10th August at Diocesan Boys' School's Yip Kit Chuen Concert Hall. The students who participated in the 5-day intensive String Orchestra Camp, were able to perform alongside their teachers, musicians from Canada's Koerner Quartet -- applying what they had learnt during the training and garnering experience of live performance.

The Culminating Concert saw support from various guests, including Steering Committee Member of Haw Par Music Foundation, Professor Chan Wing Wah; Management Committee Member of the Standard Chartered Hong Kong 150th Anniversary Community Foundation, Ms. Helen Hui; Executive Director of Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra, Miss Celina Chin; Consul General of Canada, Mr. J. Ian Burchett; Professor Ho Puay Peng of the Architecture Faculty of University of Hong Kong and renowned pianist, Miss Nancy Loo amongst others. More than 500 people attended the concert.

In line with the goal of Haw Par Music Foundation to offer students the opportunity to learn Chinese and Western music side by side, the performers of the Culminating Concert not only included the Koerner Quartet and participating students, but also the Hong Kong Junior Chinese Orchestra

which is under the Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra, a strategic partner of the Foundation, as well as the children who participated in the Junior SoundFest, a sister programme organised by the Foundation.

Before the concert started, videos of the String Orchestra Camp and Junior SoundFest were shown, sharing the students' joy for music learning with the audience. The Concert ended with the Haw Par SummerFest String Orchestra joining hands with the Koerner Quartet to play excerpts from Vivaldi's Four Seasons. The familiar melody brought the audience to tap their fingers and sway to the tune, making for a joyous ambience.

Roger Wu, Chief Executive of Haw Par Music Foundation shared, "We are very pleased to have the opportunity to create this platform, allowing local string students to interact and learn from international music masters. The success of the SummerFest 2014 has encouraged us to continue to organise more programmes in the future, guiding students to enjoy the music learning process."

### **About Haw Par Music Foundation**

Haw Par Music Foundation is a newly formed not-for-profit educational organisation. The foundation envisions to serve a dual purpose: to provide a cultural environment for Hong Kong people to study Western and Chinese music, as well as to conserve the unique Haw Par Mansion as a heritage landmark open to the public. Haw Par Music Foundation SummerFest 2014 was the first instalment of music programmes that would launch a 3-year summer music education project organised by the Foundation.

Different to what is often imagined to be music education in Hong Kong, Haw Par Music Foundation takes a holistic approach to music education. With its programmes tailored to initiate interactions and conversations, students will benefit from the personal touch of a teacher and learn to work in a team environment. With the aim to promote cross-cultural exchanges through Chinese and Western music education, Haw Par Music Foundation invites renowned musicians and music educational organisations from Hong Kong and around the world to create programmes that will inspire creativity in every student.

## **About the Standard Chartered Hong Kong 150th Anniversary Community Foundation:**

In 2009, Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited issued the Standard Chartered Hong Kong 150th Anniversary Commemorative Charity Banknote – the first banknote in \$150 denomination in the world - to celebrate the Bank's 150 years of presence in Hong Kong. Dedicated to the people who have contributed to the development of Hong Kong, net proceeds from the sale of the Commemorative Charity Banknote have been donated to the "Standard Chartered Hong Kong 150th Anniversary Community Foundation", established in 2009, in support of the local community and charities.

## **Haw Par SummerFest 2014**

Haw Par SummerFest 2014 was sponsored by Standard Chartered Hong Kong 150th Anniversary Community Foundation, offering training for string players aged between 12 and 18. Under the theme of Vivaldi's masterpiece – The Four Seasons, students learnt from the world-class Koerner Quartet, ensemble-in-residence at the Vancouver Academy of Music, comprising of four of Canada's most esteemed musicians, and made new friends who share their love for music. The programme ended with a Culminating Concert where the participating students had the opportunity to perform together with the music masters.

For more details please visit [www.hawparamusic.org](http://www.hawparamusic.org)

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## Images



Caption: Standard Chartered Hong Kong 150th Anniversary Community Foundation Haw Par SummerFest 2014 Culminating Concert



Caption: Haw Par SummerFest String Orchestra



Caption: Junior SoundFest Little Stars



Caption: Hong Kong Junior Chinese Orchestra

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