

**PRESS RELEASE**

**Asia Society Hong Kong Center Proudly Supports “Appreciate Hong Kong” Campaign with Free Admission to Chantal Miller Gallery**

(Hong Kong, November 19, 2015) Arts and culture has always been a key element in the promotion of social cohesion in any community, and Asia Society Hong Kong Center (ASHK) is proud to support the “Appreciate Hong Kong” campaign by offering free admission to the Chantal Miller Gallery for a specific period.

“We applaud the ideas behind the ‘Appreciate Hong Kong’ campaign,” says S. Alice Mong, Executive Director of Asia Society Hong Kong Center. “ASHK is an institution that works for the greater interest of the community, and by offering free admission, we are demonstrating our commitment in making art appreciation accessible to everyone.”

From December 1, 2015 to January 3, 2016, visitors can visit the Bat Cave exhibition at the Chantal Miller Gallery free of charge. In addition, the admission fee will be waived for “Shahzia Sikander: Apparatus of Power,” an upcoming exhibition to be held at the Chantal Miller Gallery from March 16 to July 9, 2016.

“The Bat Cave and Sikander exhibitions compliment nicely with the campaign, as both exhibitions illustrate the uniqueness of Hong Kong’s heritage, and deserve our appreciation,” adds Mong. “Also worth mentioning is that the ASHK campus is located at the former Explosives Magazine compound in Admiralty, and it is a shining example of successful cultural and heritage preservation and revitalization in Hong Kong.”

In addition to the exhibitions, ASHK also provides free guided tours throughout the year about the exhibitions, history and heritage of the ASHK campus. For more information about exhibitions and programs at ASHK, please visit the ASHK website at: [asiasociety.org/hong-kong](http://asiasociety.org/hong-kong).

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### **About Asia Society**

Founded in 1956 by John D. Rockefeller III in New York, Asia Society is a leading not-for-profit, non-government educational organization dedicated to promoting mutual understanding and strengthening partnerships among peoples, leaders, and institutions of Asia and the United States in a global context. Across the fields of arts, business, culture, education, and policy, Asia Society provides insight, generates ideas, and promotes collaboration to address present challenges and create a shared future.

### **About Asia Society Hong Kong Center**

As one of the 11 centers of Asia Society, Asia Society Hong Kong Center (the “Hong Kong Center” or “ASHK”) was established in 1990 by a group of Hong Kong community leaders, led by the late Sir Q.W. Lee, honorary chairman of Hang Seng Bank.

In February 2012, the Hong Kong Center established its new permanent home in Admiralty at the Old Victoria Barracks, Former Explosives Magazine site. Steeped in history, cultural significance, and natural beauty, the site was originally built by the British Army in the mid-19th century for explosives and ammunition production and storage. Through careful conservation, restoration, and adaptive re-use, this heritage site was successfully transformed into a cultural, artistic, and intellectual hub. ASHK warmly welcomes the public to visit the Center, to join the programs and view the exhibitions organized by ASHK and its partners.

As the leading regional knowledge-based platform for furthering the understanding of the countries and cultures of Asia and global issues that impact the region, Asia Society Hong Kong Center boasts extensive regional and international networks of leaders and scholars, and offers a broad variety of programs in the form of lectures, performances, film screenings, and exhibitions to the community.

Asia Society Hong Kong Center was established entirely with local funding and is supported through membership dues, fundraising events, and contributions from individuals, corporations, and foundations that work together to support and advance its mission.

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