

What's the Buzz! Our pick of city events from July 5 to 14

Into the woods



When super Typhoon Mangkhut hit Hong Kong in September, the city's trees suffered serious damage, with many beautiful species lost. The upside, perhaps, was a renewed awareness of the need to protect the environment and the importance of trees for biodiversity. Asia Society's new exhibition was inspired by the loss of plant life due to natural disaster.

The interactive, cross-disciplinary summer show explores the importance of trees in Hong Kong's environment, culture and history. The program includes an art exhibition, music performances, workshops and nature tours, all aimed at building awareness of forestry and biodiversity. The two-month show opens with a family-oriented Environmental Fun Day on July 6. Various activities such as story-telling, scavenger hunt, origami workshop and wood-carving demonstration will be followed by a chamber music performance of *Ode to Trees*. Registration required.

IF YOU GO

Hidden Forests

Hosted by Asia Society Hong Kong
Dates: July 6 to Sept 8
Venue: Asia Society Hong Kong Center, 9 Justice Drive, Admiralty
<https://asiasociety.org>



Body of work

An exhibition of drawings, paintings and notebooks of Lee Wen aims to shed light on how the recently deceased performance artist used drawing as the foundation of his art. Dated between 1978 and 2014, the exhibits provide a documentation of Lee's idea of the body in performance as a political entity and the dynamic it shares with the natural and social worlds. Videos of Lee's performances are also on show.

Form Colour Action: Sketchbooks and Notebooks of Lee Wen

Organized by Asia Art Archive
Dates: Until Sept 13
Venue: AAA Library, Asia Art Archive, 11/F, Hollywood Centre, 233 Hollywood Road, Sheung Wan
<https://aaa.org.hk>

Neon in a new light

Hong Kong's colorful neon signs are a long-loved feature of the city. Through the lens of photographer Romain Jacquet-Lagrèze, some of these have been transformed into poetry in neon. It's as if an extra layer of meaning has been added to Chinese characters — an art form that combines visual imagery with language. The photographer's wife helped him translate the signs to deepen his knowledge of the city and its Cantonese culture.

City Poetry by Romain Jacquet-Lagrèze

Organized by Blue Lotus Gallery

Dates: Until July 14

Venue: Blue Lotus Gallery, 28 Pound Lane, Sheung Wan
<https://bluelotus-gallery.com/new-events/2019/6/6/solo-exhibition-city-poetry-by-romain-jacquet-lagrze>

