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OCEAN ART WALK 2016 AT STANLEY PLAZA

Installations of plastic fish highlight the impact of plastic waste on marine life.



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According to the Zoological Society of London, "In the next ten years, the amount of plastic waste in our oceans could rise to as much as one kilogram of waste for every three kilograms of fish."

HONG KONG – 6 April 2016. The World Economic Forum has warned that by 2050 the amount of plastic in the world's oceans will outweigh the amount of fish. To show how our behaviour on land impacts the health of our ocean, and to encourage everyone to take immediate action, Hong Kong Youth Arts Foundation (YAF), Ocean Recovery Alliance and Link Asset Management Limited are collaborating to present *Ocean Art Walk 2016 at Stanley Plaza* from 1 to 24 April.

Ocean Art Walk 2016 will transform Link's Stanley Plaza into a large walk-in aquarium featuring artwork, installations and a physical theatre performance created by over 1,000 professional local artists and talented young people. Highlight works include **a giant blue fin tuna** – created from more than 1,000 recycled plastic bags; approximately **900 endangered plastic bottle fishes** – eye-catching student works made of recycled canvas and plastic bottles; and the **illustration design series** – a stunning "future dining-table" presentation of plates of "edible plastic fish".

Another highlight is the physical theatre production "Like a Fish Out of Water". Composed and directed by Lindsey McAlister, the performance features choreography by local professionals Kirsten Ho, Desiree Ho and Lai Tak-Wai, as well as music by Cirque du Soleil talents Violaine Corradi and Rose Winebrenner. "Like a Fish Out of Water"

takes you on an oceanic journey that draws inspiration from an ancient Maori legend and the fishing community in Aberdeen. Presented by a cast of young YAF performers, the moving story features physical theatre, sound and dance. A total of eight shows had been staged between 2 and 4 April.

Lindsey McAlister, Founder of the Hong Kong Youth Arts Foundation said, “This year, YAF’s key message is ‘People Power’. We hope the stunning exhibition and performances capture people’s attention and create a positive force within our community, inspiring people to change the way they behave.”

Douglas Woodring, Founder of Ocean Recovery Alliance said, “Plastic waste is the biggest threat to the world’s oceans and marine species. But if we take one small step to change our daily habits, we can have a huge impact on marine conservation.”

BC Lo, Director (Corporate Communications & External Relations) of Link Asset Management Limited said, “With 8.8 million metric tons of plastic waste discarded into our oceans each year, our planet is suffering. This is the third consecutive year that Link has co-organised ‘Ocean Art Walk at Stanley Plaza’ and we are devoted to driving sustainability and social responsibility initiatives. Through our network of shopping centres across 16 districts, we support and organise different events to raise public awareness of the correlation between our behaviour and the environment. We encourage the public to take action to support the marine protection.”



8 guests officiate the grand opening, unraveled the folded fish scroll to demonstrate our commitment towards cutting down on plastic waste and pollution that harms our ocean.

From Second Left: (1) Ms Lindsey McAlister, OBE, JP, Founder of Hong Kong Youth Arts Foundation, (2) Mrs Chan Lee Pui Ying, Southern District Council Member, (3) Ms Shirley Ha, member of Funding Management Committee of A Better Tomorrow, (4) Mr Chan Fu-ming, MH, Vice Chairman of Southern District Council, (5) Mr Nicholas Charles Allen, Chairman of Link Asset Management Limited, (6) Miss Lilian Tse, Assistant District Officer (Southern) of Southern District Office, (7) Mr Karston Tsang, Senior Organisational Development Executive of Jepsen Group and (8) Mr Andy Li, Project Manager of Ocean Recovery Alliance

Mrs Chan Lee Pui Ying, Miss Lilian Tse, Ms Shirley Ha, Mr Chan Fu-ming, MH and Mr Nicholas Charles Allen admired Violet Shum’s *Fish Mutations*.



The public admired Kiki Cheng’s *The Story of the Ocean*.

The public admires Brand X's *Tuna-Ga-Ga*.



The young talented HKYAF performers of “Like a Fish Out of Water” took the public on an oceanic journey that draws inspiration from an ancient Maori legend and the fishing community in Aberdeen.



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NOTES TO EDITOR

Ocean Art Walk 2016 at Stanley Plaza

Art Installations

Join us and see Link’s Stanley Plaza transformed into a large walk-in aquarium with hundreds of fish of all shapes and sizes made by over 1,000 professional artists and talented young people. Be transported to an underwater world and learn more about the threats facing our oceans.

Date : 1– 24 April

Location : Link’s Stanley Plaza

Physical Theatre Performance – Like a Fish Out of Water **(This performance has finished)**

Embark on an oceanic journey of discovery with an original theatre creation that draws inspiration from an ancient Maori legend and the fishing community in Aberdeen. Presented by a cast of young YAF performers, the show is a blend of physical theatre, sound and dance. The performance is written and directed by Lindsey McAlister, with choreography by Kirsten Ho (DANCE Kho), Desiree Ho and Wai Lai, and original music by Cirque du Soleil talents Violaine Corradi and Rose Winebrenner.

Schedule : 2 April (12nn, 2:30pm) | 3 April (12nn, 2pm, 4pm) | 4 April (12nn, 2pm, 4pm)

Location : Amphitheatre, Link’s Stanley Plaza

Admission : Free

Enquiries : www.hkyaf.com

Hong Kong Youth Arts Foundation

Hong Kong Youth Arts Foundation is a charity that provides access to high quality, non-competitive arts experiences for young people aged 5 to 25. Since 1993, YAF has organised inclusive and inspirational projects that reach out to youngsters of all cultures, backgrounds, languages and abilities, and actively created opportunities for those who are disadvantaged and underprivileged. Each year we reach over 800,000 people with our projects, in the form of workshops, exhibitions, performances and more.

Ocean Recovery Alliance

The focus of Ocean Recovery Alliance is to bring together people, technology, creativity and new ways of thinking, and to collaborate to introduce innovative projects and initiatives that can help improve our ocean environment. The alliance has two projects with the Clinton Global Initiative focused on the reduction of plastic pollution, and is one of the only NGOs in the world to be working with both the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Bank's Global Partnership for Oceans. It also organises *Kids Ocean Day* in Hong Kong, and the business conference on plastic innovation, the *Plasticity Forum*, to be held this year in Shanghai.

Link REIT and Link Asset Management Limited

Link Real Estate Investment Trust (Hong Kong stock code: 823), managed by Link Asset Management Limited, is the first real estate investment trust listed in Hong Kong, and currently Asia's largest REIT and one of the world's largest retail-focused REITs in terms of market capitalisation. Wholly owned by private and institutional investors, Link REIT is a constituent stock of the Hang Seng Index. With a portfolio spanning Hong Kong, Beijing and Shanghai, we serve the community by creating vibrant and unique retail experiences that meet the needs of the people who live around our shopping centres, and providing an effective platform with which the tenants of our retail and office properties can flourish. In doing so, we enhance value for unitholders of Link REIT and support the local economy while linking people to a brighter future.

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EXHIBITION

Date: 1- 24 April

LITTLE PLASTIC FISH

by Candice Keung
Art form: Sculptures

Local artist Candice Keung led 500 students from 15 primary schools to create hundreds of “Little Plastic Fish”. Through the project, participants learnt about the unique beauty of seven different fish species living in the world’s oceans. We urge everyone to join us in helping to protect our oceans by using fewer single-use plastic items and always recycling plastic waste.

Candice and **Jebsen & Co.** staff also hosted a special art workshop for 17 children from **The Hub Hong Kong Children and Youth Centre**, providing a rare opportunity for this group of young people to experience art and learn about the ocean.



FISH MUTATIONS

by Violet Shum
Art form: Sculptures

To address the issue of plastic consumption, artist Violet Shum led 500 youngsters from 13 secondary school to create “Fish Mutations” from 250 square meters of vinyl banners. The work urges all of us to take action to help save our oceans.

Recycled banners used to create this artwork were provided by **Christco (Hong Kong) Limited** and **Murasaki Outdoor Master Limited**.



TUNA-GA-GA

by Brand X (Gareth Dunster & Guy Robinson)
Art form: Sculpture

With the tremendous support of 18 local schools, art collective Brand X collected thousands of plastic bags to create this large Bluefin tuna sculpture “Tuna-Ga-Ga”, which we hope will help raise awareness of the dangers facing many of the beautiful creatures in our oceans.



3KG : 1KG

by Ada Chan
Art form: Sculpture

With her striking plastic-and-thread installation “3KG: 1KG”, local artist Ada Chan draws attention to the prognosis that by 2025 the world’s oceans will contain one tonne of plastic waste for every three tonnes of fish.



THE STORY OF THE OCEAN

by Kiki Cheng
Art form: Graphic illustration



Illustrator Kiki Cheng adopts her signature style of drawing through poster design with “The Story of the Ocean”. This collection of illustrated posters shows the beauty of the world’s oceans and urges us to think about what we can do to reduce marine pollution.



PHYSICAL THEATRE PERFORMANCE (This performance has finished.)

LIKE A FISH OUT OF WATER

Director: Lindsey McAlister
Choreographer: Desiree Ho, Kirsten Ho and Wai Lai
Music Director: Violaine Corradi and Rose Winebrenner

Composed and directed by **Lindsey McAlister**, the performance features choreography by local professionals **Desiree Ho**, **Kirsten Ho** and **Wai Lai**, as well as music by Cirque du Soleil talents **Violaine Corradi** and **Rose Winebrenner**. “**Like a Fish Out of Water**” takes you on an oceanic journey that draws inspiration from an ancient Maori legend and the fishing community in Aberdeen. Presented by a cast of young YAF performers, the moving story features physical theatre, sound and dance. A total of eight shows will be staged.

