

## **Directors' Report of The Ink Society (July 2008 – June 2009)**

Since the last Directors' Report in December 2008, the Society has undertaken the following to further its goal and objectives:

### **The development in the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD):**

1. The Legco subsequently passed the WKCD Authority Bill, agreeing to the one-off upfront endowment of \$21.6 billion and in October 2008, the Government set up the WKCD Authority Board.

The WKCD Authority would launch a series of Public Engagement Exercise for the planning of the WKCD from October 2009 to January 2010.

### **Activities:**

2. The exhibition "New Ink Art: Innovation and Beyond" was held at Hong Kong Museum of Art ("the Museum") from 22 August to 26 October 2008. The Exhibition was curated by Mrs. Alice King. It was organized by The Museum with support from the Centre for Creative and Performing Arts of the HKU School of Professional and Continuing Education. The catalogue was sponsored by the Society.

The opening of the exhibition was followed by a symposium at the Museum with speakers from local and overseas.

A core part of the exhibition then traveled to the Po Leung Kuk Community College of the HKU SPACE from 4 to 15 November 2008 to reach a wider public.

3. The exhibition "Li Hua Yi at 60" sponsored by the Ink Society was held at the Hong Kong International Art and Antiques Fair from 3 to 8 October 2008. Twenty-one paintings from the Yiqingzhai collection were shown.
4. The exhibition guided tour "No Frontiers: The Art of Ding Yanyong" was held in March 2009 at Hong Kong Museum of Art, it was conducted by Prof. Kao May-ching and the event was co-organized by us and the Asia Society.

### **Donations:**

5. The Society joined with the Friends of Hong Kong Museum of Art to donate an installation artwork by Ming Fay to Hong Kong Museum of Art in September 2008.  
Ming Fay's work titled "Floating Reeds" was exhibited at the Shenzhen International Ink Biennial, Shanghai Museum of Contemporary Art and the "New Ink Art: Innovation and Beyond" exhibition at the Hong Kong Museum of Art.

6. The Society donated Art Prizes to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hong Kong Arts Centre in October 2008. Art Prizes were awarded to local artists Chow Chun Fai (Grand Prize), Fung Lik-Yan and Kum Chi-keung (Honorable Mention Prizes) for their achievements.

The Society wishes to thank Mrs. Alice King\* and Mr. David Pong\*\* for their generous donations, without which the Society would not be able to take part in the above mentioned exhibitions and donations.

\*Mrs. Alice donated and contributed under 2 and 5

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