

PRESS RELEASE

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**Sichuan earthquake survivor Xie Haifeng and Dr Poon Tak-lun
share how to brace up in adversity**

Hong Kong News-Expo (HKNE) hosted a lecture today (17 December) with Sichuan earthquake 2008 survivor Xie Haifeng and Dr Poon Tak-lun to speak on how to brace up in adversity. The event saw Xie Haifeng's dance performance with Dr Poon's guqin accompaniment, their first on stage collaboration together. The event attracted nearly 100 participants from all walks of life, including secondary school students, university students, teachers, patients and social workers.

At the lecture, Xie Haifeng shared with the audience his experience in overcoming difficulties when learning dancing with an artificial limb and he encouraged the youths and underprivileged to always stay positive. Dr Poon talked about the challenges amputees face in different stages of their rehabilitation and highlighted the significance of family and friends' support.

It was reported that 69,227 people were killed, over 373,000 injured and 17,923 missing during the Sichuan earthquake. The comprehensive coverage on the disaster by Hong Kong journalists contributed to the rescue and redevelopment of the disaster area.

Xie Haifeng is always grateful to Hong Kong journalists and medics who helped him to put on a modified artificial limb. Xie lost his left leg when he was a 15-year-old and he picked up dance training at the age of 19. Through years of hard work and perseverance, he has become an outstanding dancer who shines on stage.

Caption:

HKNE_01 & HKNE_02:

Xie Haifeng demonstrated perseverance through his performance

HKNE 03 & HKNE 04:

Dr Poon Tak-lun guqin accompaniment, their first on-stage collaboration together

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