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CONNECTING WORDS AND IMAGES

Exhibitions, Lectures and Screenings on Hong Kong Arts, Design and Consumption

The Department of Design at York University and the York Centre for Asian Research proudly present a vibrant programme connecting visual excitements and thought-provoking words on Hong Kong arts, design and consumption.

The "Connecting Words and Images" event series includes **two exhibitions** by globally renowned Hong Kong designer **Tommy Li** and a **lecture series** designed to enhance understanding of Hong Kong arts and design.

The free events run from July 9 to August 24 in downtown Toronto and are open to the public.

The exhibitions, "**Creative Works of Tommy Li, Part I: Mao Series**" and "**Creative Works of Tommy Li, Part II: Commerical Design**" will allow the public to view examples of Li's visual art works, inspired by the Chinese political icon - Chairman Mao Zedong - as well as present Li's commercial design work.

Part I will be displayed at Chinese Contemporary Xchange, 50 Gladstone Avenue, from July 9 to July 20. Meet the designer at the opening reception will be held on July 10 from 7 to 10pm. RSVP for the exhibition opening to ycar@yorku.ca or telephone 416.736.5821. **Part II** will run from July 9 to August 25 at the Urbanspace Gallery, 401 Richmond Street West.

In the opening lecture of the event series, "**The Experience of Design Business Promotions: Canada and Hong Kong/China**", designers from professional and academic communities will open up the world of Hong Kong arts and design for interested participants. **Arlene Gould**, Strategic Director, The Design Industry Advisory Committee (DIAC), Toronto; **Wendy Wong**, Department of Design, York University; and **Tommy Li** are featured speakers.

The event runs on Thursday, July 10 from noon to 2:30pm at Metro Hall (55 John Street at King), Toronto. The event is free of charge and a light lunch is included, but participation is limited to 50. Please RSVP to ycar@yorku.ca or 416.736.5821.

The event series continues on September 26 and 27 at York University and includes a lecture by Rey Chow of Brown University. All events are sponsored by the Hong Kong Economic Trade Office (HKETO) Canada, the official representative of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.



A prestigious Hong Kong-based designer, **Tommy Li** graduated from the School of Design at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Over his career, he has received almost 500 awards worldwide. Li is a member of the esteemed Alliance Graphique Internationale (AGI) and his company, Tommy Li Design Workshop Limited, is a leading brand and image consultant for many prestigious corporations in China, Hong Kong and Japan.

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