

Opening Film of Window: Hong Kong
at the Zurich Film Festival
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Speech by DBL

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen,

- Good evening, and welcome to the screening of the opening film of the *Hong Kong Window*. As you may know already, this year marks the 25th Anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. This adds an additional celebratory note to the sponsorship of the 18th edition of the Zurich Film Festival by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Berlin.

- Our opening film this year, *Table for Six*, is an ensemble comedy, released earlier this year. It is a light-hearted affair about three brothers approaching middle age, revolving around a family gathering gone sour as the big brother's old flame showed up as another brother's girlfriend. These family dynamics and comical interactions are relatable for many, especially for those in Hong Kong.

- Directed by the "Men on the Dragon" helmer Sunny Chan and starring Dayo Wong, Stephy Tang, Louis Cheung, Ivana Wong, Peter Chan and Lin Min-chen, *Table for Six* has received overwhelming positive reviews from critics, not only in Hong Kong, but also from around the world. It was nominated for Best Screenplay Award at the 24th Udine Far East Film Festival this year. Personally, I am particularly proud of this production, which was

shoot during the pandemic, and I am very excited to have the chance to appreciate it with you all.

- Before we dive in, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Zurich Film Festival for the great collaboration over the years. We are very grateful that the Hong Kong Window provides an excellent platform to showcase Hong Kong's rich cinematographic traditions to the wider European audience. With a century of history in filmmaking and being one of the most dynamic film industries in present times, Hong Kong's film industry has a lot to offer. I sincerely look forward to our continued cooperation. Meanwhile, I would also count on all of you to continue to support the work for our office, and I hope to see you again in our future events.
- Thank you once again for joining us in this journey to Hong Kong through films. Please sit back and enjoy!

– Ends –

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