

Speech by Secretary for Justice at 5th anniversary of Shakespeare4All Gala
Production (English only)

Following is the speech by the Secretary for Justice, Mr Wong Yan Lung, SC,
at the 5th Anniversary of Shakespeare4All Gala Production today (October 28):

[Mr] Michael [Tien], [Mr] Philip [Chen], Mr [Jolyon] Culbertson, Ms [Alice] Wu,
distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,

Good afternoon. I am most delighted to be here to support and applaud the
talented young actors and actresses as well as the devoted production team.

After months of hard work, Kendo training and numerous rehearsals, here
comes the gala performance. I can imagine how excited our young performers are to
perform on stage and to feel the magic of drama and team work. It is also a moment
of joy and pride for all the principals, teachers and parents who are present.

More importantly for the performance, the magic is going to last. The
Shakespeare4All experience does not only bring memorable moments, it enhances the
students' language skills, boosts their self-confidence and equips them with life skills
such as team work, self-discipline and perseverance. It provides excellent
opportunities to our young people of different ages and backgrounds to widen their
circles and horizons. Furthermore, early immersion in art and culture brings
inspirations and lasting joy to our young people.

I commend Shakespeare4All for its excellent work in nurturing young talents
and in improving the English abilities of our younger generation. I would also like to
thank the individuals and organisations that have made valuable contributions to this
very worthy cause. I hope our young performers will make full use of this wonderful
experience and they may all of you have a most enjoyable evening.

Thank you.

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