



## Press Release

A millennium of appreciation and continuous production of bi-coloured ceramics in China

### **Potted and Painted: The Production and Technical Development of Underglaze Blue Porcelain in China**

March 9, 2023

The University Museum and Art Gallery (UMAG) of the University of Hong Kong (HKU) is honoured to present *Potted and Painted: The Production and Technical Development of Underglaze Blue Porcelain in China*. For over a millennium, Chinese potters have produced highly sought-after objects decorated in blue and white. The blue pigment was historically produced from cobalt that was painted over an off-white-coloured ceramic clay. As technology has improved over time, ceramic materials have become progressively more refined and whiter in appearance.

As the production of ceramics grew in scale, the kiln size increased and potters began to make larger objects that were significant both for their size and inherent value as part of the Yuan dynasty tradition of decorating in this particular—now world-famous—colour scheme. Steeped in tradition, the technique continued to develop and modernise as the colours became clearer and the lines better defined.

For more images and exhibit captions, please click [here](#).





### Details of the Exhibition

**Period:** March 10, 2023 (Friday) to July 30, 2023 (Sunday)

**Opening Hours:**

9:30 am–6:00 pm (Tuesday to Saturday)

1:00 pm–6:00 pm (Sunday)

Closed on Mondays, University and Public Holidays

**Venue:** Study Gallery, G/F, Fung Ping Shan Building, UMAG, HKU, 90 Bonham Road, Pokfulam, Hong Kong

**Tel/Email:** (852) 2241 5500 (General Enquiry) / [museum@hku.hk](mailto:museum@hku.hk)

**Admission:** Free

**Website:** <https://umag.hku.hk/exhibition/potted-and-painted/>

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### About University Museum and Art Gallery of the University of Hong Kong (UMAG)

UMAG was founded in 1953 as the Fung Ping Shan Museum. It was originally established as the Fung Ping Shan Library in 1932 in honour of its benefactor. For more information on UMAG, please click [here](#).

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