



# Hong Kong International Young Readers Festival

## Author's Agreement

between

**Hong Kong International Literary Festival Limited ("HKILF")**

and

**Deborah Abela ("you")**

### 1. Attendance

The Hong Kong International Young Readers Festival (the "**Festival**") runs from 2 to 13 March 2020. HKILF invites you to Hong Kong to attend the Festival from 9 to 13 March 2019 (the "**Attendance Period**").

### 2. Speaking Fees

HKILF agrees to:

- (a) pay you a per diem of HK\$500 for each day on which you engage in official speaking duties and social functions in connection with the Festival during the Attendance Period at HKILF's request, as well as a fee of HK\$1000 for each event in which you participate;
- (b) book and pay for your flight to Hong Kong in order to enable you to attend the Festival, such flight shall be in economy class and shall be with an airline chosen by HKILF in its sole discretion, on dates and times to be discussed with you; and
- (c) book and pay for your accommodation in Hong Kong during the Attendance Period only, and such accommodation will be chosen by HKILF in its sole discretion. For the avoidance of doubt, HKILF shall not be obligated to pay or reimburse you for any expenses incurred by you in relation to your use of the mini-bar, facilities, room service, bars or restaurants located at the accommodation. If you choose to stay in Hong Kong before or after the Attendance Period, HKILF shall not be obligated to pay for your accommodation unless you obtain HKILF's prior consent in writing.



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Save for the above, you shall not be entitled to receive, and HKILF shall not be obligated to pay, any other fees, compensation, reimbursements, costs, expenses or amounts in relation to your attendance or performance of any services in relation to the Festival, in accordance with this Agreement.

### **3. Visa Requirements**

You must hold a valid passport with an expiry date no less than six months from your planned arrival date, in order to visit Hong Kong. Nationals of most countries are not required to obtain visas to visit Hong Kong for periods varying from seven days to 180 days. Please check with any Chinese embassy or consulate for applicable visa requirements. For more information about visa requirements please go to: <http://www.immd.gov.hk/eng/services/visas/visit-transit/visit-visa-entry-permit.html>. You shall be solely responsible for ensuring that you meet any passport and/or visa requirements necessary to enter Hong Kong and to remain in Hong Kong for the Attendance Period.

### **4. Appearances**

You shall be required to participate in a minimum of 1 session per day, of at least 1 hour duration each, for the Festival. You may also be required to attend book signings at the end of such sessions, where directed by HKILF. You may also be requested to participate in additional appearances if there is strong demand from the public, as may be requested by HKILF.

### **5. Books**

There will be a Festival bookseller responsible for sourcing books for the Festival and you shall not distribute any books at the Festival (whether or not for free, as a gift, at a discount or in return for a commercial gain), otherwise than through the official bookseller.

### **6. Exclusivity**

You agree, while in Hong Kong to attend the Festival in accordance with this Agreement, not to undertake any public appearances or provide any services of any kind that are unrelated to the Festival or, if related to the Festival, are not organized or arranged by the HKILF, without the prior written consent of HKILF (to be determined by HKILF in its sole discretion). In the event that HKILF becomes aware that you have undertaken other public appearances in contravention of this Agreement, HKILF shall have the right to demand that you

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immediately repay any and all costs incurred by HKILF in connection with your attendance at the Festival in accordance with this Agreement, including without limitation any travel and accommodation costs and any fees paid prior to the date that such contravention was discovered by HKILF.

## **7. Publicity and Promotion**

HKILF is responsible for arranging and undertaking all publicity, programmes, bills and advertising relating to the Festival. HKILF agrees to use reasonable efforts to promote your professional image and Festival events in which you take part. It is expected that you will assist in that process and will, where possible, participate in interviews, press calls, sponsors' functions and similar occasions. You agree to participate in media interviews during the Attendance Period in order to promote the Festival and shall notify HKILF in advance of your participation in any such interviews if they are not arranged by HKILF. You may be approached by third parties to give interviews unrelated to the Festival. You shall not participate in any interview unrelated to the Festival during the Attendance Period without HKILF's prior consent. Under no circumstances shall you make any adverse, negative, defamatory, disparaging or derogatory comments regarding HKILF, the Festival, any sponsors of the Festival, or any other authors who are attending the Festival during any interviews, public speaking events, press calls, sponsor functions, Festival events or in any news articles, magazine articles, Internet blogs or social media sites.

## **8. Recording of Festival Events**

HKILF may make audio recordings or audiovisual recordings of Festival events, which you may or may not be featured in. All copyright (and any other intellectual property rights existing anywhere in the world, whether now or in the future) in such recordings of Festival events shall be the property of HKILF and HKILF shall have the right to publish, distribute, display, amend, copy or create derivative works from such recordings at its discretion. Videotaped events and events recorded using any other media are HKILF's property and may not be reproduced, distributed, performed or displayed without the permission of HKILF.

## **9. Insurance**

You will be solely responsible for obtaining any appropriate insurance (including accident, health, travel and personal property insurance) that you wish to carry.



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## 10. Confidentiality

HKILF requests that the information in this agreement be kept confidential. Neither party should disclose any confidential information in this agreement to any third party without the prior written consent of the other party.

## 11. Governing law and jurisdiction

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of Hong Kong. Any dispute that arises in relation to this Agreement (including its validity or interpretation) shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of Hong Kong.

## Signature

Signed for and on behalf of  
**HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL LITERARY  
FESTIVAL LIMITED**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed by  
**DEBORAH ABELA**

Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 07 January, 2020