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Do you know what Cantonese opera is? Have you heard of Lan Chi Pat? Cantonese opera is one of the intangible cultures in Hong Kong. It is our precious traditional culture. Therefore, this culture should be preserved and promoted to the world. Well, if you don't know anything about Cantonese opera, let me tell you some of its knowledge here.

Cantonese opera is one of the oldest dramatic art forms in the world. Watching a Cantonese opera performance is a very rewarding experience as this art form incorporates music, dance, martial arts, acrobatics and costume artistry. Today's Cantonese opera costumes are mainly embroidery. They are heavy but beautiful and every piece is a master piece! The main colours used in Cantonese opera make-up are red, white and blue. Red represents bravery and loyalty; white is evil and treachery; blue is arrogant and ferocious.

Unquestionably, Cantonese opera is not only our precious intangible culture, but also a traditional culture handed down from our ancestors. Therefore, we should preserve it. The Cantonese opera culture, as one of our traditional Chinese culture, should be protected but it is losing its significance in our community in recent years. Many young people have lost interest in Cantonese opera and don't understand the significance of it, so this industry is facing the situation of no successor. Therefore, we should preserve this precious traditional culture and pass it on so that our future generations can appreciate it.

In my opinion, we can design a poster to promote it at school or stage a Cantonese opera performance at the school hall and invite Cantonese opera actors to the school to share their experiences in order to promote it.

Although we are in an era of tech explosion and modernization, it does not mean that all the 'old' things should go. Therefore, as part of the community, we should work together to preserve this traditional art form, so our next off-springs can still have a chance to watch it and appreciate it.