

HONG KONG

Fine-tuned



Cellist Hamzah Zaidi bows as he wraps up the maiden performance of the world's first Huanghuali cello, named after the highly sought-after Chinese rosewood from which it was constructed, at Liang Yi Museum in Sheung Wan yesterday.

Chinese rosewood is among the world's most prized

materials that have for centuries been used to create luxury furniture.

The instrument was crafted by world-renowned luthier Robert Brewer Young, whose body of work includes instruments made for celebrated artists including British cellist Steven Isserlis and Truls Mørk

from Norway. It was a years-in-the-making passion project between Young and museum founder Peter Fung. The final stages of the cello's construction were completed live at a workbench as part of an exhibition at the private museum, located on Hollywood Road. Photo: Jonathan Wong