Film Archive's "Hidden Treasures" features unsung hero of Hong Kong cinema (with photos)

The Hong Kong Film Archive (HKFA) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will present "The Fixer from Guangzhou" as part of the "Hidden Treasures" series, featuring Luk Wan-fung, who was an active producer and scriptwriter in the 1950s and '60s. Four notable works produced by Luk's companies will be screened on July 20 and 21 at the HKFA Cinema. All the screenings will be followed by post-screening talks conducted in Cantonese.

In the early 1950s, Luk came to Hong Kong from Guangzhou and founded the Wan Fung, Seven Happiness and Kam Kwong Movie film companies, producing nearly 100 films. When Luk was in Guangzhou, he always helped people in the industry with their problems and as such built good relationships with them. After moving to Hong Kong, Luk gained support from film celebrities and Cantonese opera stars by getting them to appear in his films, including the well-known "Two Fools" film series starring Sun Ma Si-tsang and Tang Keichen. With his market acumen, Luk was able to make films across different genres to meet audiences' entertainment needs.

Luk's early production "Homeward Bound!" (1954) is directed by Wu Pang and features two popular film stars at the time, Cheung Ying and Fong Yimfun. The movie tells of a husband leaving his family and hometown to make a living and showcases the endurance of women during hardship as well.

Sun Ma Si-tsang was a close friend of Luk and appeared frequently in his films. The contemporary sing-song comedy "Who Will Get the Pretty Girl?" (1955) features three operatic superstars, Sun Ma, Pak Suet-sin and Law Kimlong. Caught in a love triangle with the two male leads, Pak takes steps to test her suitors by all means.

The sing-song film "A Beauty in Times of War" (1959) was made to commemorate the second anniversary of the movie company Seven Happiness. Scripted by Luk under the pseudonym Luk Chung, the film is based on the historical story "King Or Assassinates the Qin Emperor". Director Yeung Kungleong created the ambience of scenes through orchestrated mise-en-scène unlike that of other Cantonese opera films. The film is a rarity with opera big names Ho Fei-fan, Leung Sing-por, Lan Chi Pak and Mak Bing-wing performing together on-screen. Moreover, the female lead Lam Dan, Luk's wife, lights up the film with her elegant temperament.

Scripted by Luk and directed by Lee Tit, "The Three Murderers" (1959) is a hybrid of melodrama and suspense thriller. Starring Ng Cho-fan, Pak Yin, Lee Ching and Lam Dan, the film tells of a murder case that uncovers a complicated marital relationship.

All films are in Cantonese and without subtitles.

Tickets priced at \$45 are now available at URBTIX (www.urbtix.hk). For credit card telephone bookings, please call 2111 5999. For programme enquiries, please call 2739 2139 or visit

www.filmarchive.gov.hk/en_US/web/hkfa/programmesandexhibitions/2019ffg.html.









<u>Lifesaving services suspended at</u> Golden Beach and Cafeteria Old Beach

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible and repeat it at regular intervals:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (June 20) that due to an insufficient number of lifeguards on duty, the lifesaving services at Golden Beach and Cafeteria Old Beach in Tuen Mun District are

First aid services will be maintained at the beaches.

July 2019 adjustment in ceiling prices for dedicated LPG filling stations

The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department today (June 20) announced an adjustment to the auto-LPG (liquefied petroleum gas) ceiling prices for dedicated LPG filling stations from July 1 to July 31, 2019, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contracts of the dedicated LPG filling stations.

A department spokesman said that the adjustment on July 1, 2019, reflects the movement of the LPG international price in June 2019. The adjusted auto-LPG ceiling prices for dedicated LPG filling stations will range from \$2.90 to \$3.44 per litre, representing a decrease of \$0.47 per litre.

The spokesman said that the auto-LPG ceiling prices were adjusted according to a specified pricing formula. The formula comprises two elements — the LPG international price and the LPG operating price. The LPG international price is the LPG international price of the preceding month. The LPG operating price is adjusted on the first day of February every year according to the movement in the Composite Consumer Price Index in the previous year.

The auto-LPG ceiling prices for respective dedicated LPG filling stations in July 2019 are as follows:

Location of Dedicated LPG Filling Station	Ceiling Price in July 2019	Auto-LPG Ceiling Price in June 2019 (HK\$/litre)
Fung Yip Street, Chai Wan	3.44	3.91
Ngo Cheung Road, West Kowloon	3.44	3.91
Sham Mong Road, Mei Foo	3.11	3.58
Yip Wong Road, Tuen Mun	3.11	3.58
Marsh Road, Wan Chai	3.10	3.57
Fung Mat Road, Sheung Wan	3.04	3.51
Wai Lok Street, Kwun Tong	3.04	3.51

Yuen Chau Tsai, Tai Po	3.04	3.51
Cheung Yip Street, Kowloon Bay	3.08	3.55
Kwai On Road, Kwai Chung	3.08	3.55
Hang Yiu Street, Ma On Shan	2.90	3.37
Tak Yip Street, Yuen Long	2.90	3.37

â€<The spokesman said that the details of the LPG international price and the auto-LPG ceiling price of each dedicated LPG filling station have been uploaded to the department website www.emsd.gov.hk. They are also posted at dedicated LPG filling stations to enable the trades to monitor the price adjustment.

Details of the pricing adjustment mechanism for dedicated LPG filling stations can also be viewed under the "What's New" section of the department website at www.emsd.gov.hk/en/what_s_new/current/index.html.

<u>Employers and employees should take</u> <u>precautions against heat stroke</u>

As the Hong Kong Observatory has issued the Very Hot Weather Warning, the Labour Department (LD) reminds employers and employees to take appropriate precautions to prevent heat stroke when working in a hot or humid environment.

Heat stroke could occur if an employee works in a hot or humid environment for prolonged periods of time, as the body may fail to regulate its temperature by effective heat dissipation through sweating.

The symptoms of heat-related illness include feeling thirsty, fatigue, nausea, headache, dizziness and muscle spasm, or even confusion, loss of consciousness or convulsion in severe cases.

For example, construction workers, cleaning workers, kitchen workers and porters are more prone to heat stroke when working for long hours in such an environment, especially if appropriate preventive measures have not been taken.

The LD reminds employers to arrange for a suitable assessment of the risk of heat stress in the work environment and take appropriate preventive measures. The LD has produced two leaflets entitled "Checklist for Heat Stress Assessment at Construction Sites" and "Checklist for Heat Stress Assessment at Outdoor Cleansing Workplaces". Employers engaged in construction or outdoor cleaning work are advised to refer to these

checklists in assessing the risk of heat stress at their workplaces. As for heat stress assessment at a workplace in general, employers can refer to a booklet entitled "Risk Assessment for the Prevention of Heat Stroke at Work" produced by the LD.

The LD also reminds employers and employees to take the following precautions to prevent heat stroke:

Employers

- (1) Take heed of the weather report and adopt shift work arrangements for employees to reduce their exposure to the hot environment, or arrange appropriate rest breaks for them during very hot periods;
- (2) Avoid working under direct sunlight and set up temporary sunshade wherever possible;
- (3) Provide cool potable water for employees at all times during work. If necessary, provide drinks containing minerals for employees to replenish loss of electrolytes during profuse sweating;
- (4) Minimise physical demands by using tools or mechanical aids at work;
- (5) Increase air flow by enhancing ventilation or air-conditioning as appropriate;
- (6) Isolate heat-generating facilities at the workplace and use insulating materials to minimise heat dissipation to the other work areas; and
- (7) Provide relevant information and training for employees on heat stroke such as preventive measures and first aid treatment.

Employees

- (1) Wear clothing made of suitable materials (for example, cotton) that is loose-fitting and light-coloured to help heat dissipation, minimise heat absorption and allow sweat evaporation;
- (2) Wear a wide-brimmed hat when working outdoors;
- (3) Drink plenty of water or other appropriate beverages to replenish the fluids and electrolytes lost through sweating; and
- (4) Whenever there are any symptoms of heat-related illnesses, inform supervisors and take appropriate actions immediately.

Some employees may have difficulty in adapting to a hot working environment owing to their own health conditions. Employers should take this into account and consider the recommendations of their doctors when assigning work to these employees.

In addition to the publications on risk assessment, the LD has produced a leaflet entitled "Prevention of Heat Stroke at Work in a Hot Environment" for the public. The publications can be obtained free of charge from the offices of the Occupational Health Service of the LD, or downloaded from the department's webpage at www.labour.gov.hk/eng/public/content2_9.htm.

The LD holds occupational health talks in public places and at its own training venues regularly to raise employers' and employees' awareness of occupational health. Details of health talks on the prevention of heat stroke

at work in a hot environment in June to September are as follows:

(A)

Dates: July 5, 18 and 29; August 13, 15 and 26; and September 5, 17 and 27(am);

June 26, July 2, 11 and 24; August 5, 20 and 29; and September 9 and 24(pm)

Time: Half-day

Venue: Occupational Safety and Health Training Centre of the Labour Department, 13/F, KOLOUR·Tsuen Wan I, 68 Chung On Street, Tsuen Wan, New Territories

(B)

Dates: July 15 and 26 and August 9 and 27

Time: Half-day, morning

Venue: Occupational Safety and Health Centre of the Labour Department, G/F, Kwun Tong Community Health Centre Building, 60 Hip Wo Street, Kwun Tong

(MTR Kwun Tong Station Exit A1)

(C)

Dates: July 24 and August 26

Time: 3pm to 4.30pm

Venue: Lecture Hall, Hong Kong Space Museum, 10 Salisbury Road,

Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon (MTR Tsim Sha Tsui Station Exit E)

For enrolment or enquiries about these occupational health talks, please call 2852 4040 or 2361 8240 (for talks organised at the Occupational Safety and Health Centre). Moreover, the LD also provides an outreach health education service and occupational health nurses will, on invitation, disseminate occupational health information at workplaces at a convenient time. Please contact the nursing officer at 2852 4062 for details. All these health talks are free of charge.

Licence of employment agency revoked

A spokesman for the Labour Department (LD) today (June 20) reminded operators of employment agencies (EAs) to conduct their business in compliance with the law and the requirements of the Code of Practice for EAs (the Code) at all times.

The LD has revoked the EA licence of Perfect World Employment Services Co located in Tai Po. The EA failed to meet the requirements set out in the Code, such as getting involved in the financial affairs of foreign domestic helpers (FDHs) and withholding the passports of FDHs.

Under section 53(1)(c)(iva) of the Employment Ordinance (EO), the Commissioner for Labour (the Commissioner) may revoke the licence of an EA if

he is satisfied that the licensee concerned has not complied with the Code.

"The Code sets out the salient legal requirements that EA operators must observe in operating their business, as well as the minimum standards which the Commissioner expects from EAs. The Employment (Amendment) Ordinance 2018, which came into effect on February 9, 2018, stipulates that the Commissioner may refuse to issue or renew a licence, or may revoke a licence, if he is satisfied on reasonable grounds that the licensee or the person intending to be the licensee of an EA, or a related person of or an individual employed by the licensee or the person intending to be the licensee has contravened any provision of Part XII of EO or any regulation made under section 62 of EO, such as overcharging job seekers or unlicensed operation, or has not complied with the Code issued under section 62A(1) of EO," the spokesman added.

This is the second revocation of an EA licence in 2019. In 2018, there were eight cases of revocation or refusal of renewal of EA licences.

For enquiries about matters related to EAs or complaints about their malpractices, please call the Employment Agencies Administration of the LD at 2115 3667, or visit its office at Unit 906, 9/F, One Mong Kok Road Commercial Centre, 1 Mong Kok Road, Kowloon.