

Transcript of remarks by Secretary for Justice at media session

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Secretary for Justice, Ms Teresa Cheng, SC, at a media session after attending the "Mediate First" Pledge Event at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre today (May 24):

Reporter: Can you clarify reports that there are three other arbitration cases that you did not resign as arbitrator after you took over to head the Department of Justice? Were these three cases included in the six cases that were approved by the Chief Executive?

Secretary for Justice: First of all, there are two questions that are mentioned. The first is whether I resigned in three cases. The three cases I assume that you are talking about are the three cases of the World Bank ICSID (International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes) cases. They are in the public domain. So if you can go on the web, you will see that in all those three cases I have well resigned as arbitrator. And I am no longer arbitrator in those cases. Those cases are still ongoing because the fact that I resigned and the new arbitrator is appointed to replace my role would, of course, allow the parties to continue to have their dispute resolved under the relevant rules. So those three cases continue but I am not the arbitrator. And if there is any reporting that I have not resigned from those three cases, they are wrong.

Reporter: When did you resign? Did you resign after you took over as the Secretary for Justice? Or did you resign before that? Were these three cases included in the six cases that were approved by the Chief Executive? Thank you.

Secretary for Justice: The resignation process has to be looked at in this way. First of all, bearing in mind the six cases that I have had to handle, for the reasons that we have already mentioned when I took the appointment as the Secretary for Justice. The cases of which there is no further involvement or that I can resign without causing too much troubles to the parties, I have completely resigned. So, in all the cases I resigned. There are six cases as we have reported, as you have noted, and as informed to the Chief Executive where I continue to serve as an arbitrator in order to finish what I am doing, or what I was doing at that point in time with my co-arbitrators. So in those six cases I continued to remain as arbitrator in finishing, for example, the interim award, or final award that I have had to handle, or the rendering the interim order, interim measures, or interlocutory orders that I have had to handle at that point in time. Once those relevant orders and awards have been rendered, assigned and distributed, I immediately resigned. Thank you.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the transcript.)

Lifesaving services suspended at 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 (May 24) that due to an insufficient number of lifeguards on duty, the lifesaving services at Cafeteria Old Beach in Tuen Mun District have been suspended until further notice.

First aid services will be maintained at the beach.

Tenders invited for government properties tenancy

The Government Property Agency is inviting tenders for a tenancy of (i) Shop No. 1 and Shop No. 4 and a space for a promotion trolley on the Departure Level; and (ii) Shop A on Level 4, Arrival Hall, of China Hong Kong City, China Ferry Terminal, 33 Canton Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon.

The premises should only be used for general retail purposes including but not limited to storage, sale and display of duty-free liquor, cigarettes, cigars and other tobacco products but excluding any goods or commodities that are prohibited under the Import and Export Ordinance (Cap. 60), any regulations made thereunder and any amending legislations.

The tender notice was uploaded today (May 24) to the Agency's website at www.gpa.gov.hk. Tender documents are available for collection at the Government Property Agency, 31/F, Revenue Tower, 5 Gloucester Road, Wan Chai, during office hours (8.30am to 5.45pm from Mondays to Fridays). The documents can also be downloaded from the Agency's website.

Interested tenderers who wish to attend the site inspection should make prior appointment with the Government Property Agency by calling 2594 7654 on or before June 3 this year.

Tenderers must submit their tenders by placing them in the Government Secretariat Tender Box situated on the lobby of the public entrance on the

G/F, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, before noon on June 14 this year. Late tenders will not be accepted.

LSO to perform with local and international pianists in September

Widely recognised as one of the top five orchestras in the world, the London Symphony Orchestra (LSO) will return to Hong Kong for three concerts under the baton of its Music Director Sir Simon Rattle in September. The performances, which will also feature talented local pianists Colleen Lee and Aristo Sham, as well as the Grammy award-winning pianist Emanuel Ax, are part of the celebration events to mark the 30th anniversary of the Hong Kong Cultural Centre (HKCC).

The first concert will be held at 8pm on September 22 (Sunday) at the HKCC's Concert Hall. The orchestra will play Haydn's "Symphony No. 86 in D" and Rachmaninov's "Symphony No. 2 in E minor". Lee will perform Prokofiev's "Piano Concerto No. 3 in C".

The programme of the second concert, which will be staged at 8pm on September 24 (Tuesday), will comprise Britten's "The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra" and Brahms' "Symphony No. 2 in D". Sham will perform Rachmaninov's "Piano Concerto No. 3 in D minor".

For the last performance, which will take place at 8pm on September 25 (Wednesday), the programme will include Adams' "Harmonielehre" performed by the orchestra and Brahms' "Piano Concerto No. 2 in B-flat" performed by Ax.

Established in 1904, the LSO is one of the first self-governing orchestras building on the values of partnership and artistic ownership. It strives to bring great music to as many people as possible. The orchestra enjoys long-standing relationships with some of the world's greatest conductors and soloists, who relish the boundless musical ambition that the LSO offers. It also has a history of innovation that helps to keep it relevant and contemporary, having more recordings to its name than any other orchestra. Millions of people have enjoyed the orchestra through its leading work for film, which includes hundreds of classic scores from "Star Wars" to "The King's Speech", "The Shape of Water" and "Indiana Jones".

Sir Simon Rattle was born in Liverpool and studied at the Royal Academy of Music in London. He became the LSO's Music Director in September 2017. He has made over 70 recordings and has received numerous prestigious international awards for his recordings on various labels. Sir Simon has also been awarded several prestigious personal honours which include a knighthood

in 1994, becoming a member of the Order of Merit from Her Majesty the Queen in 2014 and, most recently, being given the Freedom of the City of London in 2018.

Born in Hong Kong, Colleen Lee started piano lessons at the age of 4. Since winning the 6th Prize of the 15th International Frederic Chopin Piano Competition, Lee has performed extensively throughout Asia, Europe and North America in solo recitals and with many renowned orchestras.

Aristo Sham first received international recognition when he won First Prize and the Barenreiter Urtext Special Prize in the Ettlingen International Piano Competition in Germany in 2006 and later won First Prize in the Gina Bachauer International Junior Piano Competition in 2008. He won the First Prize at the 2018 Young Concert Artists Award in New York.

Emanuel Ax captured public attention in 1974 when he won the first Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Competition in Tel Aviv and in 1979 he won the coveted Avery Fisher Prize in New York. Ax has received Grammy awards for the second and third volumes of his cycle of Haydn's piano sonatas and also made a series of Grammy-winning recordings with Yo-Yo Ma of the Beethoven and Brahms sonatas for cello and piano.

The concerts by the LSO are presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. Tickets ranging from \$380 to \$2,080 will be available from May 25 (Saturday) onwards at URB TIX (www.urbtix.hk). For telephone credit card bookings, please call 2111 5999. For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2268 7321 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/music/programs_737.html.

Live relays of the concerts will be available with free admission at the Piazza of the HKCC and the Auditoria of Tsuen Wan Town Hall, Tuen Mun Town Hall and the Yuen Long Theatre. Details will be announced later on the Cultural Presentations Section's website at www.lcsd.gov.hk/cp. The first concert is sponsored by Mr Albert Hung and Mr Wilfred Ng.

Tenders invited for advertising areas licence

The Government Property Agency is inviting tenders for a three-year licence for the advertising areas situated on portions of the external walls of Hong Kong Squash Centre, 23 Cotton Tree Drive, and Hong Kong Park Sports Centre, 29 Cotton Tree Drive, Central.

The advertising areas should be used for the purpose of installation, operation, management, maintenance and control of the Advertising Display

Systems (as defined in the Form of Licence Agreement) thereon for display of advertisements only.

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Interested tenderers who wish to inspect the site should make prior appointment with the Government Property Agency by calling 2594 7697 on or before June 14 this year.

Tenderers must submit their tenders by placing them in the Government Logistics Department Tender Box situated on the G/F, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, North Point, before noon on June 24 this year. Late tenders will not be accepted.