London ETO promotes Hong Kong films at the special Chinese New Year programme of the Chinese Visual Festival 2019 (with photos)

The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, London (London ETO) promoted Hong Kong films in the UK by sponsoring the Chinese Visual Festival to première Hong Kong screenwriter Sunny Chan's directorial debut "Men on the Dragon" on January 25 (London Time).

The Director-General of the London ETO, Priscilla To, said at the screening, held at the British Film Institute Southbank, that this acclaimed and highly successful movie highlights the depth of film talent in Hong Kong and underscores the Government's efforts to nurture film talent, promote film development and build up the brand name of "Hong Kong Films". "Men on the Dragon" was a particular beneficiary of this, having been supported by the Film Development Fund.

Sunny Chan, together with actor Tony Wu, attended the première and took part in a meet-the-audience Q&A session to talk about the movie. "Men on the Dragon" was shown as part of the Chinese Visual Festival's programme to celebrate the Chinese New Year, which in turn is part of the two-week long Chinese Arts Now festival, the first arts festival in the UK dedicated to British-Chinese art and culture.

Speaking at the screening, Ms To said: "Despite the fact that Hong Kong is only a small city with a population of about seven million, it is one of the world's largest film production bases. It has always been and will continue to be a key priority area of the Hong Kong Government to support our local film industry. We have recently earmarked one billion Hong Kong dollars for injection into the Film Development Fund to boost the further development of our film industry."

Further information on the Chinese Visual Festival and Chinese Arts Now can be found on chinesevisualfestival.org and chineseartsnow.org.uk.









Red flag hoisted at Clear Water Bay Second Beach

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (January 27) that due to big waves, red flag has been hoisted at Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach.

Yellow fire danger warning

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Yellow fire danger warning

The fire danger situation today (Janaury 27) is yellow and the risk of fire is high. People are urged to prevent fires breaking out and hikers should also be vigilant.

Fatal traffic accident in Tai Po

Police are investigating a fatal traffic accident in Tai Po in the afternoon today (January 26) in which a 39-year-old man died.

At about 3.12pm, a light goods vehicle (LGV) driven by a 63-year-old man, a medium goods vehicle (MGV) driven by a 66-year-old man and a LGV driven by the 39-year-old man were travelling along Tolo Highway towards Tai Po. When approaching near Hong Kong Science Park, the three vehicles reportedly collided.

The 39-year-old LGV driver and the 46-year-old passenger were trapped inside the compartment and rescued by firemen. Sustaining abdomen and leg injuries, the LGV driver was sent to Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital in unconscious state and was certified dead at 3.57pm. The male LGV passenger sustained abdomen and leg injuries and was sent to Prince of Wales Hospital in conscious state.

Investigation by the Special Investigation Team of Traffic, New Territories North is underway.

Anyone who witnessed the accident or has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers on 3661 3800.

<u>Transcript of remarks by SFH at media</u> <u>session</u>

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Secretary for Food and Health, Professor Sophia Chan, at a media session at Queen Elizabeth Hospital today (January 26):

Reporter: Professor Chan, did you make any concrete promises in the meeting

to solve or at least to ease the manpower workload problem immediately?

Secretary for Food and Health: I would say the meeting was very constructive and all the doctors who have attended the meeting have frankly expressed their comments to us. Of course, manpower is the major issue. I have already asked the Hospital Authority to prepare short-, medium- and long-term manpower plans. In fact, last year in the first and second guarter, we have already started the discussion of the medium to long-term manpower plan. So that we are not only to provide or to plan the manpower for the new services in the Hospital Authority, but also to replenish the existing gaps of doctors and nurses in terms of their current services in the Hospital Authority. Just now, there were a lot of constructive comments given to us as to how we can rectify the current situation. Some of them are very practical and doable. The Hospital Authority is going to quickly look into those comments and suggestions and then to work on those so that the existing situation can be improved. Of course, throughout the process of rectifying the current situation, if there are needs of resources or extra resources, the Bureau would definitely try our best to provide the resources needed so that we can solve the current manpower problems in particular. But I think the mediumand long-term manpower planning is very important because we do not want this to happen year after year. Therefore, I think we would be working on short-, medium- and long-term measures in dealing with the entire situation.

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