Queenz of Piano to cross border between classical and pop music on two grand pianos

Germany's Queenz of Piano are set to delight music lovers with a concert in November as part of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department's Music Delight Series. The piano duo of Jennifer Rüth and Ming will play their two grand pianos with amazing audacity in the boundary-crossing performance.

Chosen for Germany's Thüringer Kleinkunstpreis award in 2015 for their musical, acrobatic and unique works of art, the Queenz of Piano demonstrate how to have plenty of fun in a classical concert while simultaneously traversing the border between classical and pop music played on two grand pianos. They play classical music and pop and rock music in a fiery, groovy, charming and especially magical way, using sensational approaches the audience may not have heard before. Playing their grand pianos, they create sounds reminiscent of those of a guitar, a zither, a bouzouki, a bongo drum and even a Japanese koto.

The pianists will offer a superb combination of female charm and mesmerising piano entertainment in the show, which is geared towards those who love music and humour and not just for lovers of classical or modern pop music.

Concert by Queenz of Piano will be held at 8pm on November 17 (Saturday) at the Auditorium of Tsuen Wan Town Hall. Tickets priced at \$120, \$180 and \$220 are now available at URBTIX (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_591.html.

<u>Chief Executive to deliver Policy</u> <u>Address to LegCo</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Legislative Council Secretariat:

The Legislative Council (LegCo) will hold a meeting on Wednesday (October 10) at 11am in the Chamber of the LegCo Complex. During the meeting, the Chief Executive will deliver the Policy Address.

Meanwhile, Dr Helena Wong will move a proposed resolution under section 34(2) of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance to amend the Food Adulteration (Metallic Contamination) (Amendment) Regulation 2018 laid on the table of the Council on June 13, 2018.

The agenda of the above meeting can be obtained via the LegCo Website (www.legco.gov.hk). Please note that the agenda is subject to change, and the latest information about the agenda could be found on the LegCo Website.

Members of the public are welcome to observe the proceedings of the meeting from the public galleries of the Chamber of the LegCo Complex. They may reserve seats by calling 3919 3399 during office hours. Members of the public can also watch or listen to the meeting via the "Webcast" system on the LegCo Website.

SED visits Sha Tin District

The Secretary for Education, Mr Kevin Yeung, this afternoon (October 8) visited Sha Tin District, where he called at a primary school in Yiu On Estate, Ma On Shan, and met with members of the Sha Tin District Council.

Accompanied by the District Officer (Sha Tin), Miss Amy Chan, Mr Yeung first visited PLK Chong Kee Ting Primary School. He was briefed by school managers, the school head and teachers on the school's characteristics, including life-wide learning, STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) and art education.

While touring the school campus, he took the opportunity to learn more about students' learning outcomes, such as their innovative inventions, Chinese opera and unicycling performances. He also chatted with parents and students, and took part in video shooting for the Fun to Move@JC Project. The school is one of the participants of the project.

Mr Yeung said that home-school co-operation is conducive to students' whole-person development. The Education Commission set up the Task Force on Home-school Co-operation and Parent Education last December for the purpose of reviewing the existing approach in promoting home-school co-operation and parent education, and formulating the direction and strategy for further developments.

He added that the Government would seek to put in place as early as possible the measures with extensive support of stakeholders, with a view to giving a boost to home-school co-operation and helping children grow up happily and healthily.

Mr Yeung then met with the Chairman of the Sha Tin District Council, Mr

Ho Hau-cheung, and members to exchange views on education and other district matters.

Hong Kong resident employer jailed for employing illegal worker

A Hong Kong resident employer who employed an illegal worker was jailed at Shatin Magistrates' Courts on October 5.

Immigration Department (ImmD) investigators earlier received a referral from the Hong Kong Police Force to further investigate an illegal employment case. Enforcement officers arrested a male Vietnamese worker, aged 36, conveying goods in San Po Kong. A Hong Kong resident employer of the illegal worker was also arrested.

The illegal worker was jailed by Shatin Magistrates' Courts earlier. The Hong Kong resident employer was charged at Shatin Magistrates' Courts on October 5 with being an employer of a person who is not lawfully employable as he did not take all practicable steps to ascertain whether the applicant was lawfully employable prior to employment. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to seven weeks' imprisonment.

The ImmD spokesman reiterated that it is a serious offence to employ people who are not lawfully employable. The maximum penalty is imprisonment for three years and a fine of \$350,000. The High Court has laid down sentencing guidelines that the employer of an illegal worker should be given an immediate custodial sentence. According to the court sentencing, employers must take all practicable steps to determine whether a person is lawfully employable prior to employment. Apart from inspecting a prospective employee's identity card, the employer has the explicit duty to make enquiries regarding the person and ensure that the answers would not cast any reasonable doubt concerning the lawful employability of the person. The court will not accept failure to do so as a defence in proceedings. It is also an offence if an employer fails to inspect the job seeker's valid travel document if the job seeker does not have a Hong Kong permanent identity card. The maximum penalty for failing to inspect such a document is imprisonment for one year and a fine of \$150,000.

SHA congratulates Ng Mui-wui on winning gold medal in Asian Para Games

The Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Lau Kong-wah, today (October 8) extended his congratulations to Hong Kong table tennis athlete Ng Mui-wui on winning a gold medal at the Indonesia 2018 Asian Para Games. She has won a gold medal in Women's TT11 Singles.

Mr Lau said, "Ng Mui-wui has performed brilliantly and demonstrated perseverance as well as sportsmanship. Her excellent achievements are well deserved. I want to express my gratitude for the support given to the athletes by their families and coaches because such support helps athletes to perform at their best."