

Fatal traffic accident in Wan Chai

Police are investigating a fatal traffic accident in Wan Chai yesterday (January 14) in which a 47-year-old Mainland woman and a 59-year-old man died.

At 9.25pm, a taxi driven by a 33-year-old woman was travelling along Fleming Road northbound, while a bus driven by a 30-year-old man was travelling along Harbour Road eastbound. When the bus was approaching the junction with Fleming Road, it suspectedly collided with the taxi.

The taxi driver, the 59-year-old male taxi passenger and the 47-year-old female taxi passenger were trapped inside the compartment and rescued by passersby. Sustaining serious head injuries, the female passenger was rushed to Ruttonjee Hospital in unconscious state and was certified dead at 10.08pm, while the male passenger was sent to Queen Mary Hospital in unconscious state and was certified dead at 11.18pm. The taxi driver was sent to Ruttonjee Hospital in conscious state and was later transferred to Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital.

The taxi driver was arrested for dangerous driving causing death and is being detained for enquiries.

Investigation by the Special Investigation Team of Traffic, Hong Kong Island is underway.

Anyone who witnessed the accident or has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers on 3660 6814.

Police strongly condemn the irresponsible driving behaviour of the driver. It not only jeopardises the safety of other road users and threatens ones' personal safety, but is also the actual cause of serious traffic accidents. Police do not tolerate such acts and will take resolute enforcement action.