<u>Fatal traffic accident in Western</u> District

Police are investigating a fatal traffic accident happened in Western District this afternoon (July 22), in which a 41-year-old man died.

At about 1.03pm, a tram driven by a 35-year-old man was travelling along Des Voeux Road Central westbound. When approaching a tram station on 212 Des Voeux Road Central, it reportedly knocked down the 41-year-old man who was walking along the edge of the station platform.

The man was trapped under the tram and rescued by firemen. Sustaining multiple injuries, the man was rushed to Ruttonjee Hospital in unconscious state and was certified dead at 2.12pm.

The tram driver was arrested for dangerous driving causing death. He 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 6849 or 3660 6800.

Police strongly condemn the irresponsible driving behavior 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.