Space Museum launches new Omnimax show "Volcanoes: The Fires of Creation" (with photos)

The Hong Kong Space Museum's new Omnimax show, "Volcanoes: The Fires of Creation", will be launched tomorrow (September 1). Audiences inside the dome of the Space Museum will witness the most dangerous situations during volcanic eruptions and learn about how the whole process helps to create ecosystems and habitats on Earth.

Volcanoes seem dangerous and destructive, but in fact they have helped create the world for billions of years. From the continents to the air that humans breathe and even life itself, all have origins related to volcanoes. With more than 500 active volcanoes, Earth keeps bursting at the seams with the forces of mass construction.

In the show, the audience will follow explorer Carsten Peter as he dodges boulders at the edge of an active volcano in Indonesia; descends to a lava lake in Vanuatu; visits incredible acid ponds, geysers and mineral deposit fields in Ethiopia; travels to the archaeological ghost town of Pompeii; and witnesses the devastating effects of the recent Kilauea eruption in Hawaii.

The 42-minute show will be screened until April 30 next year at the museum's Stanley Ho Space Theatre. It will be screened daily at $1.30\,\mathrm{pm}$, $5\,\mathrm{pm}$ and $8.30\,\mathrm{pm}$.

Tickets priced at \$24 (front stalls) and \$32 (stalls) are available at the Hong Kong Space Museum Box Office and URBTIX (www.urbtix.hk). The museum is closed on Tuesdays (except public holidays).

For further information, please visit the website at hk.space.museum or call 2721 0226.









<u>Police warn protestors to stop illegal</u> <u>acts</u>

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following message as soon as possible and repeat it at suitable intervals:

A large group of protestors have been occupying Hennessy Road, Queensway and Garden Road, causing serious obstruction to the traffic. They are participating in an unauthorised assembly. Police warn the protestors to stop their illegal acts immediately.

Part of Hennessy Road in Wan Chaioccupied

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following message as soon as possible and repeat it at suitable intervals:

A group of citizens are occupying part of Hennessy Road in Wan Chai. They are now participating in an unauthorised assembly.

Police warn the group to stop occupying the carriageway, and respect other citizens' rights while expressing their views.

Police appeal to everyone on site to leave immediately. Drivers are advised to avoid travelling to the area and stay tuned to the latest traffic arrangement.

The report room services of Wan Chai Police Station are now temporarily suspended. Police appeal to members of the public not to obstruct the emergency vehicles access so as to avoid affecting the emergency services provided to the public. In case of emergency, please call 999.

Transcript of remarks by SLW on measures to support enterprises and residents and labour relations

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Dr Law Chi-kwong, at a media session on measures to support enterprises and residents as well as recent labour relations after attending a radio programme this morning (August 31):

Reporter: May I ask what measures will be taken to help lower the unemployment rate? My second question is: as some employees of Cathay Pacific are warned not to take part in strike action or they will be fired, do you think this is actually violating the right given to them in the Basic Law? Thank you.

Secretary for Labour and Welfare: One of the important considerations in the recent economic development, particularly the threat because of the world scene in terms of possible recession coming into Hong Kong — that is why a couple of weeks ago the Financial Secretary has already announced a number of measures. Hopefully, it will be helping some of the small and medium-sized enterprises and also those who are more financially vulnerable. We are openminded to any other possible means that we can do within the Government and to see how we can reduce the risk of increasing unemployment. So, those measures can somehow target either at the employers or the employees and hopefully we can minimise the impact on their livelihood and also the economy as a whole.

As regards to questions about the Cathay Pacific cases, I would say it is not really appropriate for a government official to comment on individual companies' human resources policies, but definitely if the employees consider they are being not well-treated, they can raise their complaints and seek help from the Labour Department. Our Labour Department will try to help to mediate the differences between the employers and employees and, if needed, help the employees to seek the appropriate channels, measures or redress. Thank you.

<u>Early closure of LCSD's facilities in</u> Central and Western District

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) announced today (August 31) that due to special circumstances that will possibly happen nearby, Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Swimming Pool, Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Sports Centre, Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Soccer Pitch, Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park Basketball Courts, Sheung Wan Sports Centre, Hong Kong City Hall and Sheung Wan Civic Centre in Central and Western District will be closed at 1pm. Subject to the situation in the vicinity, more cultural and leisure facilities in the same district and any other districts which may be affected will also be closed early and at short notice to ensure the safety of venue users. Members of the public who plan to go to those venues are advised to contact the venues concerned in advance.