

## Fatal traffic accident in Ma On Shan

Police are investigating a fatal traffic accident in Ma On Shan yesterday (August 9) afternoon in which a 25-year-old man died.

At about 2.40pm, a public bus driven by a 31-year-old man was travelling along Hang Fai Street towards Ma On Shan Road. When approaching a bus stop near Yan On Estate, it reportedly knocked down the 25-year-old man who was crossing the road.

Sustaining head injuries, the 25-year-old man was rushed to Prince of Wales Hospital in unconscious state and was certified dead at 9.50pm.

The bus driver was arrested for dangerous driving causing death. He has been released on bail pending further enquiries and is required to report back to Police in early September.

Investigation will be followed up by the Special Investigation Team of Traffic, New Territories South.

Anyone who witnessed the accident or has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers at 3661 1300.

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## Transcript of remarks by SCMA at media session

Following is the transcript of remarks made by the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Mr Patrick Nip, at a media session after attending a radio programme this morning (August 10):

Reporter: The government has said more than once that the independent inquiry is not an option now. People just don't seem to trust the IPCC. So would the government consider a reform within the IPCC? If not, how do you convince the protesters that the IPCC is accountable and they can trust it?

Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs: Thank you for your questions. The IPCC is set up according to the law. So it has the statutory power to exercise its functions and roles. Actually, the IPCC is dealing not just with the reportable individual complaints against the Police, but has also decided to launch a detailed study on all those events which happened from June to early July. And they are also considering extending the coverage to the events that happened after July 2, including what happened on July 21

in Yuen Long. So the IPCC will act in accordance with the law to do a detailed study, and will try to find out what actually happened, the facts, and will then provide a report. The report will be made public. The work has actually started. I think the best way to do is let the IPCC do these studies, and when the results and outcomes are available, I think it is time we see whether it has actually addressed the concerns.

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

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## Sir Andr is Schiff and Cappella Andrea Barca to perform in November

Led by internationally acclaimed pianist and conductor Sir Andr s Schiff, the celebrated Cappella Andrea Barca will visit Hong Kong for two concerts in November. The concerts are part of the celebration events to mark the 30th anniversary of the Hong Kong Cultural Centre (HKCC).

The first concert will be held at 8pm on November 15 (Friday) at the Concert Hall of the HKCC. The programme will include Johann Sebastian Bach's "Ricercar a 6" (from "The Musical Offering", BWV 1079) and Mozart's "Symphony No. 41 in C, 'Jupiter'". Sir Andr s will also perform in Beethoven's "Piano Concerto No. 5 in E-flat, 'Emperor'".

The second concert, which will be staged at 5pm on November 16 (Saturday) at the same auditorium, will embrace Beethoven's "Piano Concerto No. 2 in B-flat" followed by Mozart's "Symphony No. 39 in E-flat" and back to Beethoven's "Piano Concerto No. 4 in G".

Sir Andr s was born in Budapest, Hungary, in 1953 and started piano lessons at the age of five. Since childhood he has enjoyed playing chamber music. Recitals and special cycles form an important part of his activities. Since 2004, he has performed complete cycles of Beethoven's 32 piano sonatas in 20 cities. Sir Andr s has worked with most of the major international orchestras and conductors, and nowadays he performs mainly as a conductor and soloist.

Sir Andr s has been awarded numerous international prizes. In 2006, he became an Honorary Member of the Beethoven House in Bonn, Germany, in recognition of his interpretations of Beethoven's works. He was also awarded the Klavier-Festival Ruhr Prize in 2009 for his outstanding pianistic achievements and to honour his lifetime work as a pianist. He has been awarded Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth II in 2014.

The musicians of the Cappella Andrea Barca, who are primarily active as

globally successful soloists and chamber musicians, were selected personally by Sir András for the performance of the complete Mozart piano concertos at the Mozartwoche in Salzburg from 1999 to 2005. Since then, the chamber orchestra gradually widened its scope and toured numerous cities in Europe and the United States. Sir András' ambition is to present the chamber orchestra in a way that allows them to prove themselves in both soloist and chamber music formations, which most established orchestras would struggle to achieve.

The concerts by Sir András Schiff and Cappella Andrea Barca are presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. Tickets priced at \$250, \$350, \$450, \$550 and \$700 are now available at URBIX ([www.urbtix.hk](http://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\\_805.html](http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/music/programs_805.html).

Two pre-concert talks (to be conducted in Cantonese) will be held at 6.45pm on November 15 and 3.45pm on November 16 at the Foyer Reception Area, 4/F, Auditoria Building, Hong Kong Cultural Centre. The first talk entitled "Schiff: The (Very) Vocal " will be conducted by Ernest Wan, while the second talk entitled "Mozart and Beethoven – Influence and Inspiration" will be conducted by Calvin Lai. Admission is free with limited seats available on a first-come, first-served basis.

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## [HK preps for 5G future](#)

Fifth generation (5G) mobile networks are the catalyst for smart city development and Hong Kong is all geared up for the commercial launch of 5G services and applications in 2020.

News.gov.hk spoke to the Office of the Communications Authority and the Hong Kong Applied Science and Technology Research Institute for an insight into the preparatory work involved, including technical trials of an autonomous vehicle being carried out at the Science Park.

The story appears on news.gov.hk today (August 10) in text and video format.

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## [Red flag hoisted at St Stephen's 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 (August 10) that due to big waves, red flag has been hoisted at St Stephen's Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at the beach.