

## “Sci-Fi-Sci” to feature three science-themed films (with photo)

Co-organised by the Film Programmes Office, the Hong Kong Science Museum and the Hong Kong Space Museum of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, "Sci-Fi-Sci 2019" will screen three films themed on science to celebrate the 50th anniversary of manned Moon landing and to pay tribute to the renowned physicist Professor Stephen Hawking, who passed away last year. The three films will be shown on April 13 and 21 at the Lecture Hall of the Hong Kong Space Museum and April 19 and 26 at the Lecture Hall of the Hong Kong Science Museum.

In addition, the Chairman of the Hong Kong Science Fiction Club, Dr Eddy Lee; Lecturer of the Department of Physics of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Dr Leung Po-kin; the Executive Director of the Hong Kong Academy for Gifted Education and Chair Professor of the Department of Physics of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Professor Ng Tai-kai; and the Curator of the Hong Kong Space Museum, Mr Robert Leung, have been invited to be the guest speakers for post-screening talks to explore various areas of science through the films with audiences.

Based on true life stories, "Hidden Figures" (2016) follows three female African-American mathematicians who cross all gender and racial lines as they use their professional abilities to assist the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) in calculating the momentous launch of astronaut John Glenn into orbit and confirming the result of the orbital equations to guarantee his safe return. The film won Outstanding Performance by a Cast in a Motion Picture at the Screen Actors Guild Awards 2017, Best Action/Adventure Film at the Saturn Award 2017 and other awards.

"The Theory of Everything" (2014) tells of the romance of the renowned physicist Stephen Hawking with the arts student Jane Wilde when he was a PhD student at the University of Cambridge and their life after Hawking was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. The film won Best Actor at the Academy Awards 2015, Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture – Drama at the Golden Globes 2015 and other awards.

Regarded as a masterpiece of the space disaster film, "Apollo 13" (1995) was adapted from the crisis of NASA's third Moon landing mission in 1970 and depicts three astronauts in a damaged spacecraft fighting a desperate battle for survival. Director Ron Howard shot the weightless-in-space scenes on NASA's reduced-gravity aircraft and employed NASA's technical support in space flight control training for his cast in order to make the film more convincing. The film won numerous awards including Best Sound and Best Film Editing at the Academy Awards 1996 as well as Best Achievement in Special Visual Effects and Best Production Design at the BAFTA Awards 1996.

All films are in English and with Chinese subtitles.

Tickets priced at \$60 are now available at URB TIX ([www.urbtix.hk](http://www.urbtix.hk)). For credit card telephone bookings, please call 2111 5999. For programme enquiries, please call 2734 2900 or visit [www.lcsd.gov.hk/fp/en\\_US/web/fpo/programmes/sfs2019/index.html](http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/fp/en_US/web/fpo/programmes/sfs2019/index.html).



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## **Key statistics on service demand of A&E Departments and occupancy rates in public hospitals**

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

During the winter surge, the Hospital Authority is closely monitoring the service demand of Accident and Emergency Departments and the occupancy rate in public hospitals. Key service statistics are being issued daily for public information. Details are in the appended table.

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## **Update on screening policy of blood donors to prevent Zika virus**

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

In view of declining global Zika virus infections and the introduction of Zika virus screening test by the Hong Kong Red Cross Blood Transfusion Service (BTS), the BTS spokesperson today (March 11) announced an update on the donor screening policy for Zika virus with immediate effect. The BTS has earlier implemented precautionary deferral policy for prospective donors with risk or confirmed diagnosis of Zika virus infection.

Under the updated policy, prospective donors who have travelled to or resided in the Zika virus affected area(s) within 28 days and have no symptoms from the date of returning to Hong Kong, can now be accepted for blood donation after passing the eligibility screening. In addition to the requirement to declare their travel history, their blood will be tested for Zika virus by Nucleic Acid Testing (NAT) to minimise the remote possibility of transfusion transmission.

The spokesperson pointed out that the decision has been made by the Hospital Authority (BTS) Expert Panel on Blood and Blood Products Safety after a critical review of the local and global epidemiology and balancing the risk on blood safety. Prospective donors are also reminded that donor deferral policies for countries or areas where mosquito-borne diseases are endemic (e.g. Malaria and West Nile Virus) are still in place to ensure blood safety.

The detailed policy is available at BTS' website:  
<https://www5.ha.org.hk/rcbts/enarticlelistview.asp?nid=344&bid=5&sid=0&MenuID=2>.

Prospective blood donors who have enquiries regarding the policy can call the donor centre and speak to our nursing staff when planning a blood donation.

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## **Fatal traffic accident in Tai Po**

Police are investigating a fatal traffic accident in Tai Po in the small hours today (March 11) in which a 33-year-old woman died.

At about 3.58am, a light goods vehicle (LGV) driven by a 56-year-old man was travelling along Tolo Highway towards Fanling. When approaching Kwong Fuk Estate, it reportedly knocked down the 33-year-old woman who was crossing the road.

The woman was trapped under the LGV and was rescued by firemen. Sustaining multiple injuries, she was certified dead at scene.

The LGV driver was arrested for dangerous driving causing death. He is being detained for further enquiries.

Investigation by the Special Investigation Team of Traffic, New Territories North is underway.

Anyone who witnessed the accident or has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers on 3661 3800.

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## Correctional officers stopped fighting among remand persons in custody

Correctional officers at Pik Uk Correctional Institution stopped a fight among remand persons in custody today (March 10).

At 9.39am, eight male remand persons in custody, aged between 17 and 20, engaged in a fight inside the dining hall. Officers at the scene immediately stopped the fight and called for reinforcement.

During the incident, two correctional officers sustained injuries on face and arm respectively while trying to stop the fight. Four remand persons in custody sustained injuries on head, face, hand and back respectively whilst the other four did not sustain injury. After examination and treatment by the institution Medical Officer, all the officers and persons in custody concerned did not need to be sent to public hospital.

The case has been reported to the Police for investigation.

The eight remand persons in custody were remanded for the offences of manufacturing of dangerous drug and trafficking in dangerous drug respectively.