Nurturing HK's culinary talent

To nurture quality manpower in world cuisine, the Vocational Training Council's International Culinary Institute has been offering a variety of culinary arts training since 2014. Its new campus was opened in September 2018 in Pok Fu Lam, where students are trained up for a career in the fast growing and internationalised catering industry.

News.gov.hk spoke to International Culinary Institute Principal Winnie Ngan and one of the graduates to find out about the new campus facilities and how the programmes will help to ensure a continuous flow of talent to serve Hong Kong.

The story appears on news.gov.hk today (January 27) in both text and video format.

London ETO promotes Hong Kong films at the special Chinese New Year programme of the Chinese Visual Festival 2019 (with photos)

The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, London (London ETO) promoted Hong Kong films in the UK by sponsoring the Chinese Visual Festival to première Hong Kong screenwriter Sunny Chan's directorial debut "Men on the Dragon" on January 25 (London Time).

The Director-General of the London ETO, Priscilla To, said at the screening, held at the British Film Institute Southbank, that this acclaimed and highly successful movie highlights the depth of film talent in Hong Kong and underscores the Government's efforts to nurture film talent, promote film development and build up the brand name of "Hong Kong Films". "Men on the Dragon" was a particular beneficiary of this, having been supported by the Film Development Fund.

Sunny Chan, together with actor Tony Wu, attended the première and took part in a meet-the-audience Q&A session to talk about the movie. "Men on the Dragon" was shown as part of the Chinese Visual Festival's programme to celebrate the Chinese New Year, which in turn is part of the two-week long Chinese Arts Now festival, the first arts festival in the UK dedicated to British-Chinese art and culture.

Speaking at the screening, Ms To said: "Despite the fact that Hong Kong is only a small city with a population of about seven million, it is one of the world's largest film production bases. It has always been and will continue to be a key priority area of the Hong Kong Government to support our local film industry. We have recently earmarked one billion Hong Kong dollars for injection into the Film Development Fund to boost the further development of our film industry."

Further information on the Chinese Visual Festival and Chinese Arts Now can be found on chinesevisualfestival.org and chineseartsnow.org.uk.









Red flag hoisted at Clear Water Bay Second 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 (January 27) that due to big waves, red flag has been hoisted at Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beach-goers are advised not to swim at

Yellow fire danger warning

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Yellow fire danger warning

The fire danger situation today (Janaury 27) is yellow and the risk of fire is high. People are urged to prevent fires breaking out and hikers should also be vigilant.

Fatal traffic accident in Tai Po

Police are investigating a fatal traffic accident in Tai Po in the afternoon today (January 26) in which a 39-year-old man died.

At about 3.12pm, a light goods vehicle (LGV) driven by a 63-year-old man, a medium goods vehicle (MGV) driven by a 66-year-old man and a LGV driven by the 39-year-old man were travelling along Tolo Highway towards Tai Po. When approaching near Hong Kong Science Park, the three vehicles reportedly collided.

The 39-year-old LGV driver and the 46-year-old passenger were trapped inside the compartment and rescued by firemen. Sustaining abdomen and leg injuries, the LGV driver was sent to Pamela Youde Nethersole Eastern Hospital in unconscious state and was certified dead at 3.57pm. The male LGV passenger sustained abdomen and leg injuries and was sent to Prince of Wales Hospital in conscious state.

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.