

List of environmental impact assessments in third quarter 2018 released

The Environmental Protection Department (EPD) today (October 12) released a list of completed and newly commenced statutory environmental impact assessments (EIAs) and non-statutory environmental study for major development projects between July 1 and September 30, 2018.

Updated information related to the EIA Ordinance is available on the EIA Ordinance website at www.epd.gov.hk/eia.

Completed statutory EIAs and non-statutory environmental studies in the third quarter of 2018 include:

A. Statutory EIAs:

1. Intermodal Transfer Terminal – Bonded Vehicular Bridge and Associated Roads (Airport Authority Hong Kong)

2. Proposed Interim Sewage Treatment Plant and Effluent Reuse Facility at Wo Shang Wai, Yuen Long (Profit Point Enterprises Limited)

B. Non-statutory Environmental Studies:

Nil

Newly commenced statutory EIAs and non-statutory environmental studies include:

A. Statutory EIAs:

Nil

B. Non-statutory Environmental Studies:

Nil

Alan Kwan and friends to host jazz

Lecture demonstration series

Local renowned jazz guitarist Alan Kwan will host a lecture demonstration series entitled "Jazz Classics: Let's Listen, Let's Jam!" in November and December.

In a series of six lectures, Kwan will talk about the influences behind and share some interesting stories about various modern jazz masters. Participants can also listen to the legends' classic works and learn about their performing styles and techniques. The lectures will be conducted in Cantonese and supplemented with live demonstrations by Kwan, as well as Patrick Lui (piano), Wong Tak-chung (double bass) and Ted Lo (drums). All of the lectures will be held at 8pm at GR3, 8/F, Backstage, Grand Theatre, Hong Kong Cultural Centre. Details are as follows:

November 13 (Tuesday)

Topic: "Miles Davis"

Picks of the day: "So What" and "Four"

November 22 (Thursday)

Topic: "John Coltrane"

Picks of the day: "Mr. PC" and "Central Park West"

November 29 (Thursday)

Topic: "Bill Evans"

Picks of the day: "Autumn Leaves" and "Waltz for Debby"

December 6 (Thursday)

Topic: "Nat King Cole"

Picks of the day: "But Beautiful" and "Unforgettable"

December 13 (Thursday)

Topic: "Wes Montgomery"

Picks of the day: "Four on Six" and "West Coast Blues"

December 20 (Thursday)

Topic: "Wayne Shorter"

Picks of the day: "Infant Eyes" and "Footprints"

Alan Kwan studied and developed his career in jazz music in New York. He has performed in New York, Texas, Tokyo and Taiwan with well-known jazz musicians including Dayna Stephens, Fabian Almazan and Paul Bollenback, as well as Grammy award nominee Gene Aitken.

"Jazz Classics: Let's Listen, Let's Jam!" is presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. Tickets priced at \$80 (for each lecture) are now available at URB TIX (www.urbtix.hk). For telephone credit card bookings, please call 2111 5999. For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2268 7321 or visit

Terrapin Puppet Theatre to perform puppet show "Red Racing Hood"

Terrapin Puppet Theatre from Australia will perform the puppet theatre production "Red Racing Hood" in December. This theatre performance is suitable for children aged 5 and above.

"Red Racing Hood" is reimagined from the famous fairy tale "Little Red Riding Hood". It is inventively brought to life using slot car racing, with cameras situated around the circuit magnifying the action live on screen, putting the audience in the driving seat as they follow Red on her adventure.

With everything she knows and loves at stake in the small town of Grinalong, Red must convince her Grandma to help her win a car race and overcome her own fears with the aim of staying in the town.

Terrapin Puppet Theatre has been established in Tasmania for over 36 years. The company, touring nationally and internationally, makes contemporary puppetry for young people and their families. Telling sophisticated stories of humour and pathos, the company embraces new technologies whilst retaining the intrinsic illusions of the age-old craft of puppetry. In its productions, the company aims to inspire families to express their collective imagination through inventive play with the objects and devices that surround them.

Details of the performances are as follows:

December 7 and 8 (Friday and Saturday), 7.30pm
December 8 and 9 (Saturday and Sunday), 3pm
Cultural Activities Hall, Tsuen Wan Town Hall
Tickets: \$200

Presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, "Red Racing Hood" is one of the attractions of the "Cheers!" Series. Tickets are now available at URB TIX (www.urbtix.hk). For telephone credit card bookings, please call 2111 5999. For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2268 7323 or visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/f_entertainment/programs_642.html.

Independent Review Committee on Hong Kong's Franchised Bus Service to hold hearing to receive oral evidence from invited parties

The following is issued on behalf of the Independent Review Committee on Hong Kong's Franchised Bus Service:

The Independent Review Committee on Hong Kong's Franchised Bus Service will resume the hearing to receive further oral evidence from the nominated representatives of the Transport Department (TD), next Tuesday (October 16) from 10am to 4.30pm (with a break between 1pm and 2.30pm) at the Auditorium of the Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar. The Committee's rules of procedure for the receipt of oral evidence and notice to the public attending the hearings to receive oral evidence are available on the Committee's website (www.irc-bus.gov.hk/eng/press.html).

Having received and considered written submissions from various interested parties, and in order to obtain further information, the Committee is in the process of inviting specific interested parties to give oral evidence to the Committee through nominated representatives. Sixteen hearings have been held so far to receive oral evidence from:

(A) Representatives of:

- the Transport and Housing Bureau;
- the TD;
- Hong Kong Police Force;
- Kowloon Motor Bus Company (1933) Limited (KMB) and Long Win Bus Company Limited
- the New World First Bus Services Limited and Citybus Limited;
- the New Lantao Bus Company (1973) Limited;
- Tai Po, Sha Tin and Sham Shui Po District Councils;
- ZF Friedrichshafen AG and Openmatics s.r.o.;
- the Community for Road Safety;
- the Motor Transport Workers General Union, including its sub-unions of Citybus Branch, KMB Branch, Long Win Bus Branch, New Lantao Bus Branch and New World Bus Branch;
- The Federation of Bus Industry Trade Unions, including its members of KMB Staff Union, New World First Bus Company Staff Union and Citybus Limited Employees Union;
- the KMB Employees Union;
- the Staff Rights Association of KMB;
- the Monthly-Rated Drivers Union; and

- the Part-time Drivers Union

(B) Former employees of the KMB:

- Mr Alok Jain; and
- Mr Raymond Cheng

(C) Employees of the KMB:

- Ms Debby Wong; and
- Mr Kelvin Yeung

(D) Experts appointed by the Committee –

- Professor John Stanley; and
- Mr Mike Weston

A transcript of that evidence (and a translation in Chinese) is available on the Committee's website (www.irc-bus.gov.hk/eng/transcripts.html).

The Committee wishes to invite family members of the victims and passengers on board the bus involved in the fatal incident on Tai Po Road, and other recent serious incidents involving franchised bus services, to attend the hearing, and invites them to contact the Secretariat in advance of the hearing if they wish to attend. Except for seats reserved for such persons as well as the media and specifically identified interested parties, all available seats in the hearing venue will be open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis. A registration counter will open at 9.30am on October 16.

Enquiries regarding the hearing may be directed to the Secretariat of the Committee at 2867 5324.

Regional Traffic Day of Kowloon West

Police yesterday (October 11) held the Regional Traffic Day in Kowloon West to raise public awareness of road safety through stringent enforcement actions.

A total of 233 officers from Traffic Kowloon West and District Traffic Teams of Kowloon City, Mong Kok, Sham Shui Po and Yau Tsim Districts were deployed to take enforcement actions at traffic black spots in Kowloon West.

The operation resulted in the issue of 1 806 fixed penalty tickets and 111 summonses. Among the fixed penalty tickets and summonses issued, a total of 1 669 fixed penalty tickets were issued for illegal parking and the rest were for other traffic offences.

Police figures revealed that a total of 2 422 traffic accidents involving casualties occurred in Kowloon West in the first nine months of 2018, of which 593 cases involved pedestrian injuries.

Police will continue to take regular enforcement actions to ensure road safety.