

Protestors in Tai Po participating in an unauthorized assembly

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

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

At around 4pm today (August 10), protestors gathering at Tai Po are blocking the carriageways at the junction of Kwong Fuk Road and Nam Wan Road and are committing the offence of "participating in an unauthorized assembly".

Police appeal to members of the public to leave immediately. Due to the obstruction of traffic, drivers are advised to stay tuned to the latest traffic arrangement.

Opening ceremony for North Point Community Hall held today

The Director of Home Affairs, Miss Janice Tse, today (August 10) officiated at the opening ceremony for North Point Community Hall in Eastern District. The hall will provide a brand new venue for the public to organise and participate in community activities in the district.

North Point Community Hall is located at 123 Java Road in North Point and is adjacent to MTR North Point Station, North Point Ferry Pier and a bus terminus. The hall adopts a simple design concept, which draws on the waves of Victoria Harbour in large and small curves and integrates the forms into the interior design. The venue is equipped with a multi-purpose hall with a seating capacity of 450 people, a stage, a conference room and dressing rooms. The venue also has barrier-free access facilities in place for the convenience of people in need.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Miss Tse said Eastern District is a rapidly growing community with a population of more than 500 000, and residents in the district have a strong demand for community facilities. The opening of North Point Community Hall will enrich the district's cultural, recreational and community services, which can strengthen social cohesion. She also thanked the Eastern District Council (EDC) for its support for the

project.

Other officiating guests at the opening ceremony included the Chairman of the EDC, Mr Wong Kin-pan; the District Officer (Eastern), Mr Simon Chan; the Vice-Chairman of the EDC, Mr Chiu Chi-keung; the Chairman of the District Facilities Management Committee under the EDC, Mr Hung Lin-cham; and the Vice-Chairman of the District Facilities Management Committee under the EDC, Mr Lam Sum-lim.

North Point Community Hall will commence its services on September 1. Apart from North Point Community Hall, there are five other community halls and a community centre in Eastern District.

[Hong Kong House at Echigo-Tsumari Art Triennale reopens \(with photos\)](#)

â€‹The Hong Kong House at the Echigo-Tsumari Art Triennale in Tsunan, Japan, reopened today (August 10), staging an exhibition entitled "Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread". As an event featuring the summer and autumn festivals of the Echigo-Tsumari Art Field, the exhibition showcases artworks by Hong Kong artist Annie Wan.

An opening party was held today. The officiating guests included the Assistant Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Heritage and Museums), Mr Chan Shing-wai; the Mayor of Tsunan Town, Mrs Haruka Kuwabara; the General Director of the Echigo-Tsumari Art Triennale, Mr Fram Kitagawa; representative of the Kamigo District Promotion Council, Mr Kyoichi Kawata; Annie Wan; the Deputy Director (Administration) of the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, Professor Philip Wong; and the Director of the Academy of Visual Arts of the Hong Kong Baptist University, Professor Louis Nixon.

Annie Wan stayed at the Hong Kong House to seek inspiration for her artistic creations by interviewing local people about their food culture and taking in the bountiful products from the land of Niigata in March and April. She realised that cooking and ceramic making are both processes of transformation. She then created more than 100 ceramic artworks for the exhibition to explore the relationship between cooking and ceramic making, and to express her humble attitude towards the details of everyday life.

During the summer festival, the Hong Kong Open Printshop will hold cyanotype workshops near the Hong Kong House with the aid of sunlight and water from nature, allowing participants to experience the interrelationship among people, nature and art. For details of the workshops, please visit the Facebook page of the project at www.facebook.com/apo.hkhouse.

The exhibition will run from today to August 18 for the summer festival,

and from October 12 to November 4 for the autumn festival.

The Hong Kong House was designed by a Hong Kong architect team consisting of Yip Chun-hang, Otto Ng, Adam Kor, Lau Chun-tat, Lee Lit-kwan, Lau Yip-fay and Yau Chiu-ting, while three artist groups comprising Leung Chi Wo + Sara Wong, Annie Wan, and L sub (Pak Sheung-chuen, Wendy Wo and Yim Sui-fong) have been commissioned to stay and showcase their artworks at the Hong Kong House in 2018, 2019 and 2020 respectively.

The Hong Kong House is presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and organised by the Art Promotion Office, with the collaboration of the Echigo-Tsumari Art Triennale Executive Committee and the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts. The activity collaborators are soundpocket, Fleurs des Lettres, Art Appraisal Club, Hong Kong Open Printshop and the Academy of Visual Arts of the Hong Kong Baptist University. The project is also supported by the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, Tokyo. For details, please visit the project's website at www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/Museum/AP0/en_US/web/apo/hong_kong_house_echigo_tsumari_art_triennale_2018.html, or call 2512 3018, 2512 3019 or 2512 3020.

The Hong Kong House is located at 29 – 4 Miyanohara, Kamigo, Tsunan-machi, Nakauonuma-gun, Niigata Prefecture, Japan.



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.

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.)