<u>Fatal traffic accident in Tsim Sha</u> Tsui

Police are investigating a fatal traffic accident in Tsim Sha Tsui today (September 13) in which a 70-year-old woman died.

At about 8.15am, a bus and a taxi driven by a 52-year-old man and a 68-year-old man respectively were travelling along Nathan Road southbound. When approaching near the junction of Nathan Road and Mody Road, the two vehicles reportedly collided.

The 70-year-old female bus passenger was found collapsed without superficial injury inside the bus compartment and rushed to Queen Elizabeth Hospital in unconscious state. She was certified dead at 8.49am. The bus driver, the taxi driver and two other female bus passengers, aged 48 and 56 respectively, sustained minor injuries and were sent to Queen Elizabeth Hospital in conscious state.

The 68-year-old taxi driver was arrested for dangerous driving causing death and is being detained for further enquiries.

Investigation by the Special Investigation Team of Traffic, Kowloon West is underway.

Anyone who witnessed the accident or has any information to offer is urged to contact the investigating officers on 3661 9000 or 3661 9058.

EPD convictions in August

Forty-four convictions were recorded in August 2018 for breaches of legislation enforced by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD).

Six of the convictions were under the Air Pollution Control Ordinance, six were under the Noise Control Ordinance, 28 were under the Waste Disposal Ordinance and four were under the Water Pollution Control Ordinance.

The heaviest fine in August was \$50,000, assessed against a person who imported controlled waste without a permit.

LegCo delegation visits Foreign and Commonwealth Office of UK Government (with photos)

The following is issued on behalf of the Legislative Council Secretariat:

The delegation of the Legislative Council (LegCo) continued its parliamentary visit in London, the United Kingdom (UK), yesterday (September 12, London time).

The delegation first received a briefing from representatives of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) of the UK Government on the latest development and the implications of UK's exit from the European Union. Delegation members discussed with FCO representatives about the prospect of Hong Kong serving as a gateway for UK companies to explore business opportunities in the Mainland and Southeast Asia.

In the afternoon, the delegation visited the Royal College of Art (RCA), one of the world's leading universities specializing in art and design, to exchange views on innovation, entrepreneurship and design thinking, as well as learning about how RCA's graduates contributed to the creative economy. Led by the Vice-Chancellor of RCA, Dr Paul Thompson, and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Naren Barfield, delegation members toured the teaching and research facilities in the Battersea campus of RCA. Meanwhile, at a briefing on RCA, delegation members further learnt about the collaboration between RCA and Hong Kong's tertiary institutions in promoting design research.

The delegation then visited the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in London (London ETO) and attended a briefing session on the work of London ETO conducted by the Director-General of London ETO, Priscilla To, and the Head of Investment Promotion of Invest Hong Kong in London Office, Andrew Davis. Delegation members also took the opportunity to discuss with Ms To and Mr Davis about how UK and European investors are encouraged to set up operations in Hong Kong. After the briefing session, the delegation attended an official dinner hosted by London ETO.

The delegation will depart for Edinburgh today (September 13, London time). Upon arrival, delegation members will visit the Scottish Parliament to hold meetings with its Members.











Quarterly Survey of Employment and Vacancies for September 2018 starts

The Census and Statistics Department has commenced a new round of the Quarterly Survey of Employment and Vacancies to collect data on employment and vacancies in major industry sections of the economy in respect of September 2018. This survey is conducted quarterly. The survey results are useful in serving as short-term economic indicators and providing information on the latest changes in the labour market.

This round of the survey covers about 30 000 establishments which are

drawn from various industry sections including industrial sections (such as mining and quarrying; manufacturing; and electricity, gas and waste management) and the services sections (such as import/export, wholesale and retail trades; accommodation and food services; transportation, storage, postal and courier services; information and communications; financing and insurance; real estate; professional and business services; and social and personal services). Information on the number of persons engaged and vacancies, together with the characteristics of job vacancies, as at September 28, 2018, will be sought from each selected establishment.

Questionnaires are being sent by mail or by fax to selected establishments. In accordance with the Census and Statistics Ordinance, these establishments are required to complete and return the questionnaires to the department within the specified period. If individual establishments have any difficulties in completing the questionnaires, they may contact the department for assistance at 2234 3800.

Manager of unlicensed guesthouse fined

A woman was fined \$8,000 at Eastern Magistrates' Courts today (September 13) for contravening the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance.

The courts heard that in September last year, officers of the Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA), the Home Affairs Department, inspected a suspected unlicensed guesthouse on Des Voeux Road West in Sai Ying Pun. During the inspection, the OLA officers posed as lodgers and successfully rented a room in the guesthouse on a daily basis.

According to the OLA's record, the guesthouse did not possess a licence under the Ordinance on the day of inspection. The woman responsible for managing the premise was charged with contravening section 5(1) of the Ordinance.

A department spokesman stressed that operating or managing an unlicensed guesthouse is a criminal offence and will lead to a criminal record. Upon conviction, the offender is liable to a maximum fine of \$200,000 and two years' imprisonment.

The spokesman appealed to anyone with information about suspected unlicensed guesthouses to report it to the OLA through the hotline (tel: 2881 7498), by email (hadlaenq@had.gov.hk), by fax (2504 5805) using the report form downloaded from the OLA website (www.hadla.gov.hk), or through the mobile application "Hong Kong Licensed Hotels and Guesthouses".