

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES ORDINANCE
(CAP. 132)**

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES (FEES & CHARGES)
(MUSEUMS) REGULATION**

INTRODUCTION

The Hong Kong Heritage Museum (HKHM) is tentatively scheduled for opening in December 2000. Since none of the fees saved by Section 9 of the Provision of Municipal Services (Re-organization) Ordinance (Cap.552) is applicable to HKHM, it is necessary to prescribe the admission fees for HKHM.

2. The Secretary for Home Affairs is empowered under Section 124J of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132) to prescribe by regulation the admission fees to museums.

3. In exercise of this power, the Secretary for Home Affairs has made the Public Health and Municipal Services (Fees & Charges) (Museums) Regulation at Annex A to set the admission fees for the HKHM, as well as the fees for museum pass, monthly pass and weekly pass for all Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) museums.

BACKGROUND AND ARGUMENT

Proposed Fees for Admission to the Hong Kong Heritage Museum

4. The Administration has undertaken to preserve the fee levels put in place by the two former Provisional Municipal Councils after the reorganization of municipal services on 1.1.2000 until they are subsequently revised. Pending the overall review of museum charges which is scheduled for end of 2001, we propose to set the admission fees of HKHM at a level in line with those of other fee-charging museums.

Proposed Fees for Museum Pass, Monthly Pass and Weekly Pass for All LCSD Museums

5. Two kinds of passes (i.e. the museum pass and the monthly pass) are already in force. The museum pass (with validity period of six months or one year) and the monthly pass were introduced by the former Provisional Urban Council and they do not cover museums in the New Territories. The former Provisional Regional Council did not issue such passes. With the opening of HKHM in the New Territories, we propose to introduce a new museum pass and monthly pass to replace the existing ones in order to cover all LCSD museums in both the urban and New Territories areas.

6. We also propose to introduce a new weekly pass covering all LCSD museums to mainly cater for tourists. This is made at the request of the Hong Kong Tourist Association.

7. The proposed fees for admission to the HKHM is the same as the existing fees for admission to the Hong Kong Museum of Art (HKMA), Hong Kong Space Museum (HKSPM) and the Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence (HKMCD). The existing fees of the Hong Kong Science Museum (HKSM) are higher. Details of the proposed fees of HKHM and the existing fees of HKMA, HKSPM, HKMCD and HKSM are shown at Annex B.

8. The proposed fees for the new museum pass and monthly pass are the same as the fees currently in force. The proposed fee for the weekly pass, which allows for unlimited number of entries to all LCSD museums within a period of 7 consecutive days, is set at \$30 which is slightly higher than the admission fee for HKSM which is \$25. Details of the proposed fees are at Annex C.

THE REGULATION

9. The Public Health and Municipal Services (Fees & Charges) (Museums) Regulation that sets out the new fees is at Annex A. As we now plan to open the HKHM on 10 December 2000, we propose that the admission

fees for the HKHM, the new museum pass, monthly pass and weekly pass shall come into operation on that day.

BINDING EFFECT

10. The Regulation will not affect the current binding effect of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132).

FINANCIAL AND STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

11. Additional revenue arising from the fee proposal for HKHM is about \$3 million per annum. The annual total cost for the HKHM is \$147 million at 2000-01 price level (Annex D). About \$0.22 million will be spent on employment of 2 Non-Civil Service Contract Ticketing Assistants for collection of the admission fees for the HKHM. There are no staffing implications for the fee proposal for the new museum pass, monthly pass and weekly pass.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

12. At the meeting of the Sha Tin District Council on 27 April 2000, members supported the proposal to set the admission fee for the HKHM at \$10.

LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

13. The Regulation will be tabled at the Legislative Council on 8 November 2000. Subject to Members' negative vetting, the fees will become effective on 10 December 2000.

PUBLICITY

14. The Regulation will be published in the Gazette on 3 November 2000. A press release and publicity through mass media will be arranged.

ENQUIRY

15. For enquiries on this brief, please contact Mr Y T LAM, Principal Assistant Secretary (Culture)² of the Home Affairs Bureau at Tel: 2594 6608 or Mr Tony MA, Assistant Director of Leisure and Cultural Services Department at Tel: 2601 8866.

Home Affairs Bureau

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**Proposed Fees for Admission to Hong Kong Heritage Museum
and Existing Fees for Admission to other fee-charging LCSD Museums**

Hong Kong Heritage Museum		Hong Kong Museum of Art, Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence and Hong Kong Space Museum		Hong Kong Science Museum	
<u>Description of Fee</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>Description of Fee</u>	<u>Existing Fee</u>	<u>Description of Fee</u>	<u>Existing Fee</u>
Standard Fee	\$10 per person (except babies and toddlers aged 4 and below)	Standard Fee	\$10 per person (except babies and toddlers aged 4 and below)	Standard Fee	\$25 per person (except babies and toddlers aged 4 and below)
Special Fee	\$5 per person (Applicable to full-time students, people with disabilities and senior citizens aged 60 or above.)	Special Fee	\$5 per person (Applicable to full-time students, people with disabilities and senior citizens aged 60 or above.)	Special Fee	\$12.5 per person (Applicable to full-time students, people with disabilities and senior citizens aged 60 or above.)
Group Fee	\$7 per person (Applicable to groups of 20 or more visitors.)	Group Fee	\$7 per person (Applicable to groups of 20 or more visitors.)	Group Fee	\$17.5 per person (Applicable to groups of 20 or more visitors.)
Free admission on Wednesday		Free admission on Wednesday		Free admission on Wednesday	
Free admission for schools, registered charitable organizations and non-profit-making organizations which apply in writing on behalf of 20 or more members at least 2 weeks before the date of visit.		Free admission for schools, registered charitable organizations and non-profit-making organizations which apply in writing on behalf of 20 or more members at least 2 weeks before the date of visit.		Free admission for schools, registered charitable organizations and non-profit-making organizations which apply in writing on behalf of 20 or more members at least 2 weeks before the date of visit.	

**Proposed fees for the New Museum Pass, Monthly Pass and Weekly Pass
covering all LCSD Museums in Urban and New Territories Areas**

Description of Fee	Proposed Fee	Remarks
museum pass \$100 per person \$50 per person \$200 (Members of the same family, up to a maximum of 4 persons.)	<u>Yearly</u> \$50 per person (standard fee) \$25 per person (special fee; applicable to full-time students, people with disabilities and senior citizens aged 60 or above.) -	<u>6 months</u> Unlimited number of entries to all LCSD museums in urban and New Territories areas for six months or one year, as the case may be except Space Theatre of Hong Kong Space Museum.
monthly Pass	\$50 per person	Unlimited number of entries to all LCSD museums in urban and New Territories areas within a month except Space Theatre of Hong Kong Space Museum.
weekly Pass	\$30 per person	Unlimited number of entries to all LCSD museums in urban and New Territories areas within a week except Space Theatre of Hong Kong Space Museum.

**Existing Fees for the Museum Pass and Monthly Pass Currently in Force
covering all LCSD Museums in Urban Area**

Description of Fee	Existing Fee	Remarks
museum pass \$100 per person \$50 per person \$200 (Members of the same family, up to a maximum of 4 persons.)	<u>Yearly</u> \$50 per person (standard fee) \$25 per person (special fee; applicable to full-time students, people with disabilities and senior citizens aged 60 or above.) -	<u>6 months</u> Unlimited number of entries to all LCSD museums in urban area for six months or one year, as the case may be except Space Theatre of Hong Kong Space Museum.
monthly pass	\$50 per person	Unlimited number of entries to all LCSD museums in urban area within a month except Space Theatre of Hong Kong Space Museum.

Note: Arrangement will also be made to give all museum passes and monthly passes currently in force the same effect as the new museum passes and monthly passes during their validity period with effect from 10 December 2000.

Cost statement
Leisure and Cultural Services Department
Hong Kong Heritage Museum

	<u>2000/01</u>	
	\$	
Staff cost	41,633,438	
Departmental expenses	70,312,300	
Cost of services provided by other departments	2,151,745	
Administrative overheads	10,347,109	
Depreciation	22,918,500	
Total cost	<u>147,363,092</u>	(a)
Estimated number of admission	500,000	
Revenue	3,060,000	(b)
Deficit	(144,303,092)	(c) = (a) - (b)
Subsidy level	98%	(c)/(a) x 100%

The admission fees of existing museums of Leisure and Cultural Services

Museum Category of admission fee	Hong Kong Museum of Art	Hong Kong Science Museum	Hong Kong Space Museum	Hong Kong Museum of History	Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence
Standard fee	\$10	\$25	\$10	#	\$10
Concessionary fee	\$5	\$12.5	\$5	#	\$5
Group fee	\$7	\$17.5	\$7	#	\$7
Monthly pass	\$50 per person				
Museum pass	<u>Yearly</u> \$100 per person \$50 per person \$200		<u>Half-yearly</u> \$50 per person (standard fee) \$25 per person (concessionary fee) — (Family of 4 people maximum)		

The admission fees for the Hong Kong Museum of History will be set later.

* Free admission for the Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware, Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre, Lei Cheng Uk Han Tomb Museum, Law Uk Folk Museum, Sam Tung Uk Museum, Hong Kong Railway Museum and Sheung Yiu Folk Museum.

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標準收費	\$10	\$25	\$10	#	\$10
優惠收費	\$5	\$12.5	\$5	#	\$5
團體收費	\$7	\$17.5	\$7	#	\$7
月 票	每 位 \$50				
博物館場證	<u>一 年</u>		<u>半 年</u>		
	每 位 \$100		每 位 \$100 (標準收費)		
	每 位 \$50		每 位 \$25 (優惠收費)		
	\$200		— (家庭收費，最多四人)		

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