

## **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF**

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

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES (FEES & CHARGES) (MUSEUMS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATION (Cap. 132 sub. leg. CK)**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

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.

2. The Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum (SYSM) which will be a new public museum run by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) is tentatively scheduled for opening in December 2006. In exercise of this power under Cap. 132, the Secretary for Home Affairs has made the Public Health and Municipal Services (Fees & Charges) (Museums) (Amendment) Regulation at Annex A to set the admission fees for the SYSM.

#### **PROPOSAL**

3. We propose to set the admission fees of SYSM at a level comparable with those of other fee-charging museums.

4. The proposed fees for admission to the SYSM is the same as the existing fees for admission to the Hong Kong Museum of Art (HKMA), the Hong Kong Museum of History (HKMH), the Hong Kong Space Museum (HKSPM), the Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence (HKMCD)

and the Hong Kong Heritage Museum (HKHM). Details of the proposed fees of SYSM and the existing fees of HKMA, HKMH, HKSPM, HKMCD and HKHM are shown at Annex B.

## **THE AMENDMENT REGULATION**

5. The amendment regulation at Annex A sets out the proposed fees for the SYSM. As we plan to open the SYSM in December 2006, we propose that the admission fees for the SYSM shall come into effect on 1 December 2006.

## **LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE**

6. The legislative timetable for the amendment regulation will be

Publication in the Gazette	27 October 2006
Tabling at the Legislative Council	1 November 2006

## **IMPLICATIONS OF THE AMENDMENT REGULATION**

7. The estimated revenue arising from the fees proposal for SYSM is about \$0.6 million per annum. The estimated annual total cost of operating the SYSM is \$10.7 million (Annex C). The fees proposal will have no staffing implications on LCSD. The amendment regulation will not affect the current binding effect of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132). The amendment regulation is in conformity with the Basic Law, including the provisions concerning human rights.

## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

8. We consulted the Central and Western District Council on 21 April 2005. Members did not raise any objection to the fees proposal.

## **PUBLICITY**

9. A press release and publicity through mass media will be arranged on the day when the amendment regulation is published in the Gazette.

## **ENQUIRY**

10. Any enquiries on this brief can be addressed to Mr. Peter Kwok of the Home Affairs Bureau at Tel: 2594 6607 or Dr Louis Ng of Leisure and Cultural Services Department at Tel: 2601 8866.

Home Affairs Bureau  
October 2006

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES  
(FEES AND CHARGES)(MUSEUMS)  
(AMENDMENT) REGULATION  
2006**

(Made by the Secretary for Home Affairs under section 124J of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132))

**1. Commencement**

This Regulation shall come into operation on 1 December 2006.

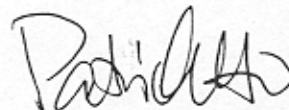
**2. Schedule amended**

The Schedule to the Public Health and Municipal Services (Fees and Charges)(Museums) Regulation (Cap. 132 sub. leg. CK) is amended by adding –

“3. DR SUN YAT-SEN MUSEUM

Admission fee (except for every Wednesday, 12 November (the anniversary of Dr Sun’s birth) and 12 March (the anniversary of Dr Sun’s death)) for a single entry for –

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| (a) a full-time student, disabled person or a person aged 60 or above | 5            |
| (b) a group of 20 or more persons                                     | 7 per person |
| (c) any other person aged 4 or above                                  | 10”.         |



Secretary for Home Affairs

24 October 2006

### Explanatory Note

This Regulation provides for the admission fee for the Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum.

**Proposed Fees for Admission to the Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum  
and Existing Fees for Admission to Other Fee-charging LCSD Museums**

<b>Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum</b>		<b>Hong Kong Museum of Art, Hong Kong Museum of History, Hong Kong Space Museum, Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence &amp; Hong Kong Heritage Museum</b>	
<u>Description of Fee</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>Description of Fee</u>	<u>Existing Fee</u>
Standard Fee	\$10 per person (except babies and toddlers aged below 4)	Standard Fee	\$10 per person (except babies and toddlers aged below 4)
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)
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)
Free admission on Wednesdays, on 12 November (the anniversary of Dr Sun's birth) and 12 March (the anniversary of Dr Sun's death)		Free admission on Wednesdays	
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.	

**Cost Statement**  
**Leisure and Cultural Services Department**  
**Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum**

	2006/07 <sup>(Note 1)</sup>	2007/08	
	Estimate	Estimate	
	\$	\$	
Staff cost	406,000	1,577,000	
Departmental expenses	1,276,000	5,123,000	
Depreciation	1,784,000	3,567,000	
Cost of services provided by other departments	3,000	62,000	
Administrative overheads	93,000	360,000	
<b>Total cost</b>	<b>3,562,000</b>	<b>10,689,000</b>	(a)
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>159,000</b>	<b>637,000</b>	(b)
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>(3,403,000)</b>	<b>(10,052,000)</b>	(c) = (a) - (b)
<b>Subsidy level</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>94%</b>	(c)/(a) x 100%
<b>Estimated number of admission (Note 2)</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>199,000</b>	

Notes

1. The figures are part-year effect from December 2006 to March 2007.
2. The projected figures include free and concessionary charge admissions.