

Proposals from District Councils on the Addition and/or Expansion of Libraries including Mobile Library Stops

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Central and Western	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To set up public libraries in Sheung Wan, Sai Ying Pun, and the Mid-levels. 	<p>The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has been providing public library facilities for the Central and Western District with reference to the standards set out in the <i>Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (HKPSG)</i>. There is presently no plan to provide additional public libraries. The Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) has launched the “Libraries@neighbourhood - Community Libraries Partnership Scheme”, under which community libraries are set up in collaboration with community organisations to provide reading and lending services to local residents. At present, there are a total of 4 community libraries in the Central and Western District.</p>	<p>The population of Central and Western District now stands at around 250 000. In this district the LCSD currently operates a major library built for a population of 400 000, a district library, and a small library to provide library services to the local residents.</p>
Eastern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To build a district library adjacent to the Eastern Law Courts. ➤ To build a cultural and recreation 	<p>LCSD will study the feasibility of setting up a library at the proposed community hall complex on Lei King Road adjacent to the</p>	<p>The population of Eastern District now stands at around 580 000. In this district LCSD currently operates 3 district libraries,</p>

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	<p>centre in the open space adjacent to Block 30 of Heng Fa Chuen, providing various facilities including a library.</p>	<p>Eastern Law Courts in Shau Kei Wan to further enhance the library services in the district. The Planning Department is consulting other government departments about their intentions on the use of the land to resolve the plot ratio concerns.</p> <p>In view of the strong demand for library services from the residents of Heng Fa Chuen, LCSD has provided a mobile library stop in Shing Man Lane, Heng Fa Chuen. A community library has also been set up in the estate in collaboration with the Owners' Committee.</p>	<p>2 small libraries, and 4 mobile library stops to provide library services to the local residents.</p> <p><u>New library projects</u> <i>Siu Sai Wan Public Library</i> Construction of this small library commenced in early 2008 and is expected to complete in late 2010.</p>
Wan Chai	---	---	<p>The population of Wan Chai District now stands at around 150 000. In this district LCSD currently operates a district library and a small library to provide library services to the local residents. Lockhart Road Public Library had gone through a full scale renovation in 2008 to improve its environment and facilities to meet the need of the community.</p>

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Southern	---	---	The population of Southern District now stands at around 280 000. In this district LCSD currently operates a district library, 3 small libraries, and 4 mobile library stops to provide library services to the local residents. Aberdeen Public Library had gone through a full scale renovation in 2006 to improve its environment and facilities to meet the need of the community.
Yau Tsim Mong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To set up a library for Fu Pak and Charming areas. ➤ To increase the service frequency of the mobile library at Hoi Fu Court. ➤ To establish a central library for Kowloon in Yau Tsim Mong District. 	LCSD has been providing public library facilities for Yau Tsim Mong District with reference to the standards set out in the <i>HKPSG</i> . There is presently no plan to provide additional public libraries. As the current schedule of mobile libraries is already very tight, it is not possible to increase the number of visits to the mobile library stop at Hoi Fu Court for the time being. HKPL has launched the “Libraries@neighbourhood - Community Libraries Partnership Scheme”. At present, there are a total of 5 community libraries in Yau Tsim Mong District.	The population of Yau Tsim Mong District now stands at around 300 000. In this district LCSD currently operates 2 district libraries, 2 small libraries, and a mobile library stop to provide library services to the local residents.

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Sham Shui Po	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To review the planning of public libraries with a view to increasing the number of libraries. ➤ To adopt the standard of providing one district library for every 100 000 persons as proposed by the former Urban Council so as to enhance the library services in Sham Shui Po East. ➤ To provide standby mobile libraries to ensure continuity of service during regular maintenance of existing mobile libraries. ➤ To step up mobile library services at Fu Cheong Estate and Hoi Lai Estate during summer holidays. ➤ To continue to operate a small library at the former site of Pak Tin Public Library after its reprovision. 	<p>At present, LCS D makes reference to the standards set out in the <i>HKPSG</i> for the provision of libraries. Although a study conducted by the former Urban Council had proposed in 1996 to raise the planning standards to provide one district library for every 100 000 persons, the proposal has not been taken forward. As formulation of library planning standards involves overall policy issues and substantial resources, LCS D must prudently examine the latest developments of supply and demand and ensure the availability of various resources in the long run before considering the revision of the standards. Presently, it is not possible to accept the proposal to provide one district library for every 100 000 persons.</p> <p>Due to limited resources, LCS D has presently no plan to provide standby mobile libraries. As the current schedule of the mobile libraries is already tight, it is not possible to further enhance the mobile library services at Fu Cheong Estate and Hoi Lai Estate for the time</p>	<p>The population of Sham Shui Po District now stands at around 380 000. In this district LCS D currently operates 2 district libraries, 2 small libraries, and 3 mobile library stops to provide library services to the local residents.</p> <p><u>New library projects</u></p> <p><i>Reprovision of Pak Tin Public Library</i> Construction of this small library commenced in mid-2008 and is expected to complete in early 2013.</p> <p><i>Tung Chau Street Public Library</i> Construction of this district library is expected to commence in late 2010 for completion in late 2013. Commencement and completion dates are now under review.</p>

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		<p>being. More books for children and teenagers will, however, be made available on the mobile library during summer holidays.</p> <p>The annual recurrent expenditure of Pak Tin Public Library after reprovision will be approximately three times than that of the existing library. As the operation of the reprovisioned library entails considerable costs, all the human resources and annual operating expenses budgeted for the existing Pak Tin Public Library will be transferred to the new library to cover part of its operating expenses. The existing Pak Tin Public Library will cease operation upon the commissioning of the new library.</p>	
Kowloon City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To enhance the library services in the future as a number of new estates have been completed in Kowloon City District. ➤ To provide additional mobile libraries. 	<p>LCSD has been providing public library facilities for Kowloon City District with reference to the standards set out in the <i>HKPSG</i>. Due to limited resources, it is presently not possible to provide additional mobile library stops in the district. HKPL has launched the “Libraries@neighbourhood -</p>	<p>The population of Kowloon City District now stands at around 360 000. In this district LCSD currently operates a major library built for a population of 400 000, a district library, 2 small libraries, and 2 mobile library stops to provide library services to the local residents.</p>

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		<p>Community Libraries Partnership Scheme". At present, there are a total of 3 community libraries in Kowloon City District.</p>	<p><u>New library projects</u> Initial planning for the provision of a major library in Kai Tak Development Area is underway.</p>
Wong Tai Sin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To set up a large library (major library) equipped with a toy library. ➤ To provide toy libraries at district libraries. ➤ To re-provision Lung Hing Public Library to provide more space for additional seats and facilities. ➤ To expand Fu Shan Public Library, Lok Fu Public Library, and Tsz Wan Shan Public Library. ➤ To set up two small libraries at Fung Wong San Tsuen and Chuk Yuen Estate respectively. ➤ To acquire new mobile libraries and to increase the number of visits paid to mobile library stops. ➤ To re-provision Tsz Wan Shan Public Library in a vacant car park in the 	<p>LCSD has been providing public library facilities for Wong Tai Sin District with reference to the standards set out in the <i>HKPSG</i>. There is presently no plan to provide additional public libraries. Apart from the setting up of static libraries, the HKPL provides users with library services anytime, anywhere, such as 24-hour online library services, online Multimedia Information System services, telephone renewal service, etc.</p> <p>Due to limited resources, LCSD has presently no plan to provide additional mobile libraries in the district. As the current schedule of the mobile libraries is already tight, it is not possible to increase the number of visits to the mobile library stops in the district for the time</p>	<p>The population of Wong Tai Sin District now stands at around 420 000. In this district LCSD currently operates 2 district libraries, 4 small libraries, and 3 mobile library stops to provide library services to the local residents.</p>

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	district.	being. HKPL has, however, launched the “Libraries@neighbourhood - Community Libraries Partnership Scheme”. At present, there are a total of 4 community libraries in Wong Tai Sin District.	
Kwun Tong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To lease a commercial unit at Hong Tin Court from the Housing Department for the setting up of a temporary library while retaining the temporary library at Tak Tin Estate until the commissioning of the district library in Lam Tin. ➤ To build a large library at Sau Mau Ping Estate. ➤ To set up a study room at Po Tat Estate. ➤ To increase the service frequency of the mobile library at Po Tat Estate to once a week. ➤ To commence the construction of Lam Tin North municipal services building and a district library as soon as possible. 	<p>LCSD has considered the reprovision of Lam Tin Public Library at Kai Tin Shopping Centre, but the project did not materialise due to the lack of suitable units for lease. In view of the strong demand for library services from local residents, LCSD is actively pursuing with the setting up of a district library with a space provision of 2 900 sq m in the proposed Lam Tin North municipal services building to further enhance the library services in the district. Construction is expected to commence in late 2009 for completion in mid-2012. Upon its completion, the number of district libraries in Kwun Tong District will increase from 2 to 3, and the overall library services will also be further enhanced.</p> <p>LCSD also sets up community libraries in</p>	<p>The population of Kwun Tong District now stands at around 610 000. In this district LCSD currently operates 2 district libraries, 4 small libraries, and 7 mobile library stops to provide library services to local residents.</p> <p><u>New library projects</u></p> <p><i>Reprovision of Lam Tin Public Library</i></p> <p>Construction of this district library is expected to commence in late 2009 for completion in mid-2012. The existing small library in Lam Tin will cease operation upon the commissioning of the new district library.</p>

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		<p>collaboration with community organisations to provide reading and lending services to local residents. At present, there are a total of 14 community libraries in Kwun Tong District.</p> <p>The current weekly schedule of the mobile libraries is already tight. Any new stops or extra visits to an existing stop will require consequential adjustments to the timetables of other stops in the district. It is not possible to increase the service frequency of the mobile library at Po Tat Estate for the time being. Apart from the provision of a mobile library stop at the estate, LCSD has also set up a community library there in collaboration with community organisations.</p> <p>The Education Bureau is responsible for coordinating the provision of study room services. At present, LCSD operates students' study rooms in Ngau Tau Kok Public Library and Shui Wo Street Public Library.</p>	

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Sai Kung	---	---	<p>The population of Sai Kung District now stands at around 420 000. In this district LCSD currently operates 2 district libraries and 6 mobile library stops to provide library services to the local residents.</p> <p>To enhance the provision of library services in the district, LCSD is planning the provision of a second district library in Tseung Kwan O. Construction is expected to commence in mid-2010 for completion in early 2013.</p>
Kwai Tsing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To set up a library at Cheung Wang Estate, Tsing Yi. ➤ To reallocate one half-day mobile library visit from Kwai Shing West Estate to Kwai Shing East Estate. ➤ To increase the number of visits paid to the mobile library stop at Cheung Wang Estate. 	<p>LCSD has been providing public library facilities for Kwai Tsing District with reference to the standards set out in the <i>HKPSG</i>. There is presently no plan to provide additional public libraries. HKPL has launched the “Libraries@neighbourhood - Community Libraries Partnership Scheme”. At present, there are a total of 6 community libraries in Kwai Tsing District.</p> <p>LCSD has obtained funds from DC for the</p>	<p>The population of Kwai Tsing District now stands at around 520 000. In this district LCSD currently operates 3 district libraries and 9 mobile library stops to provide library services to local residents.</p>

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		<p>provision of a mobile library stop at Kwai Shing East Estate, which commenced service in May 2009. As the schedule of the mobile libraries is already tight, it is presently not possible to increase the number of visits to the mobile library stop at Cheung Wang Estate for the time being.</p>	
Tsuen Wan	---	---	<p>The population of Tsuen Wan District now stands at around 290 000. LCSD currently operates a major library built for a population of 400 000, a small library, and 6 mobile library stops to provide library services to local residents.</p> <p>To further enhance library services in the district, LCSD is now at the initial planning stage for the renovation of Tsuen Wan Public Library. Tsuen Wan District Council will be consulted when the plans are ready.</p>
Tuen Mun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To expand Butterfly Estate Public Library. ➤ To build a complex in Area 29, Tuen 	<p>LCSD has been providing public library facilities for Tuen Mun District with reference to the standards set out in the <i>HKPSG</i>. To</p>	<p>The population of Tuen Mun District now stands at around 510 000. In this district LCSD currently operates a major library</p>

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	<p>Mun (adjacent to Po Tin Estate) and to provide a library in the complex.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To increase the service frequency of mobile libraries in Tuen Mun District. ➤ To provide a new mobile library stop at Kin Sang Estate. 	<p>address the strong demand for library services from local residents, LCSD has obtained DC funds for the reprovision and expansion of the existing Butterfly Estate Public Library. Construction is expected to complete before the end of March 2010.</p> <p>As the current schedule of the mobile libraries is already tight, any new stops or extra visits to an existing stop will require consequential adjustments to the timetables of other stops in the district. It is therefore not possible to enhance the mobile library services in Tuen Mun District for the time being.</p> <p>HKPL has launched the “Libraries@neighbourhood - Community Libraries Partnership Scheme”. At present, there are a total of 9 community libraries in Tuen Mun District.</p>	<p>built for a population of 400 000, a district library, a small library, and 7 mobile library stops to provide library services to local residents.</p> <p><u>New library projects</u></p> <p><i>Reprovision of Butterfly Estate Public Library</i></p> <p>Construction is expected to complete before the end of March 2010. The existing Butterfly Estate Public Library will cease operation upon the commissioning of the new library.</p>
Yuen Long	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To commence the public library project in Area 3, Yuen Long as soon as possible. 	<p>LCSD has been providing public library facilities for Yuen Long District with reference to the standards set out in the <i>HKPSG</i>.</p>	<p>The population of Yuen Long District now stands at around 560 000. In this district LCSD currently operates 2 district libraries,</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To retain the existing Tin Shui Wai Public Library at Kingswood Ginza after the commissioning of the major library in Tin Shui Wai. ➤ To provide a new mobile library stop at Tin Yan Estate, Tin Shui Wai. 	<p>LCSD is actively planning the reprovision and expansion of the existing Yuen Long Public Library in Area 3, Yuen Long, and the setting up of a major library in Tin Shui Wai for a population of 400 000. Upon the commissioning of the major library in Tin Shui Wai, LCSD will review the provision and utilisation of library facilities in the district.</p> <p>The current schedule of the mobile libraries is already tight. Any new stops or additional visits to an existing stop will require consequential adjustments to the timetables of other stops in the district. HKPL has launched the “Libraries@neighbourhood - Community Libraries Partnership Scheme”, under which community libraries are set up in collaboration with community organisations to provide reading and lending services to local residents. At present, there are a total of 7 community libraries in Yuen Long District.</p>	<p>a small library, and 10 mobile library stops to provide library services to the local residents.</p> <p><u>New library projects</u></p> <p><i>Reprovision of Yuen Long Public Library</i> Commencement and completion dates are now under review.</p> <p><i>Reprovision of Tin Shui Wai Public Library</i> The existing Tin Shui Wai Public Library (a district library) will be replaced by a major library built for a population of 400 000. Construction of the major library commenced in late 2007 and is expected to complete in mid-2011.</p>
North	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To include a library, a study room, and a youth centre in the government 	<p>LCSD has been providing public library facilities for North District with reference to</p>	<p>The population of North District now stands at around 300 000. In this district LCSD</p>

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	<p>complex project in Area 44, Fanling.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To set up additional mobile library stops at Ching Ho Estate, Sheung Shui and Fanling South. ➤ To relocate Sha Tau Kok Public Library to an adjacent vacant shop with a larger area so as to enhance the library services in Sha Tau Kok. 	<p>the standards set out in the <i>HKPSG</i>. There is presently no plan to set up or to reprovision public libraries save for the provision of additional mobile library stops. LCSD has set up additional mobile library stops at Ching Ho Estate, Sheung Shui and Wah Sum Estate, Fanling this April with funding from DC. HKPL has launched the “Libraries@neighbourhood - Community Libraries Partnership Scheme”. At present, there are a total of 4 community libraries in North District.</p>	<p>currently operates 2 district libraries, a small library, and 4 mobile library stops to provide library services to the local residents.</p>
Tai Po	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To set up a new mobile library stop at Wan Tau Tong Estate. 	<p>LCSD has been providing public library facilities for Tai Po District with reference to the standards set out in the <i>HKPSG</i>. With the consent of DC to redeploy the mobile libraries within the district, LCSD is actively planning to set up a new mobile library stop at Wan Tau Tong Estate.</p>	<p>The population of Tai Po District now stands at around 300 000. In this district LCSD currently operates a district library of 3 600 sq m and 7 mobile library stops to provide library services to the local residents.</p> <p><u>New library projects</u></p> <p>The new mobile library stop at Wan Tau Tong Estate is expected to complete in the second half of 2009.</p>

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Sha Tin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To expedite the construction of a new library in Sha Tin. ➤ To shelve the plan of constructing a post-secondary college atop Tai Wai MTR Station and to reconsider building community facilities comprising a free standing library at the site. ➤ To increase the duration of visits of the mobile library to Chevalier Garden from half a day every alternate week to one day every alternate week. 	<p>LCSD has been providing public library facilities for Sha Tin District with reference to the standards set out in the <i>HKPSG</i>. LCSD is actively planning to set up a district library in Yuen Chau Kok, Sha Tin. Construction is expected to commence in mid-2011 for completion in mid-2014.</p> <p>The current schedule of the mobile libraries is already tight. Any new stops or additional visits to an existing stop will require consequential adjustments to the timetables of other stops in the district. As such, it is not possible to increase the number of visits to the mobile library stop at Chevalier Garden for the time being. HKPL has launched the “Libraries@neighbourhood - Community Libraries Partnership Scheme”. At present, there are a total of 8 community libraries in Sha Tin District.</p>	<p>The population of Sha Tin District now stands at around 630 000. In this district LCSD currently operates a major library built for a population of 400 000, a district library, a small library, and 12 mobile library stops to provide library services to the local residents.</p> <p><u>New library projects</u></p> <p><i>Yuen Chau Kok Public Library</i></p> <p>Construction of this district library is expected to commence in mid-2011 for completion in mid-2014.</p>
Islands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To increase the number of visits made by the mobile library to Tung Chung North and to deploy a large mobile 	<p>The current schedule of the mobile libraries is already tight. Any new stops or additional visits to an existing stop will require</p>	<p>The population of Islands District now stands at around 150 000. In this district LCSD currently operates a district library, 6</p>

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	<p>library to serve the local residents prior to the commissioning of the new Tung Chung Public Library.</p>	<p>consequential adjustments to the timetables of other stops in the district. As the roads on Lantau Island are mainly narrow and winding mountain roads, the Transport Section of LCSD considers it infeasible to use large vehicles on those roads. The library materials on the mobile library are changed and replenished regularly to cater for the needs of users at different stops.</p>	<p>small libraries, and 6 mobile library stops to provide library services to the local residents.</p> <p><u>New library projects</u></p> <p><i>Reprovision of Tung Chung Public Library</i></p> <p>This district library will replace the existing small library. Construction commenced in late 2006 and is expected to complete in late 2009.</p>

Note:

LCSD provides public library services for all districts with reference to the standards set out in the *HKPSG* issued by the Planning Department, which stipulate that there should be a district library for every 200 000 persons and that planning should be made on a district basis so that at least one district library is provided for each district.