

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF
PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES
SETTING ASIDE PREMISES FOR USE AS A CIVIC CENTRE

INTRODUCTION

The Director of Leisure and Cultural Services, in her capacity as the Authority (“Authority”) under the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance Cap. 132 (“the Ordinance”), manages and controls the civic centres listed in the Thirteenth Schedule to the Ordinance. Pursuant to Section 105M of the Ordinance, the Authority may, by order published in the Gazette, set aside any premises and the grounds appurtenant thereto for use as a civic centre.

2. We propose to amend the Thirteenth Schedule to the Ordinance by replacing “The Ko Shan Theatre at the Ko Shan Road Park” with:

“The Ko Shan Theatre and the Ko Shan Theatre New Wing at the Ko Shan Road Park”.

JUSTIFICATION

3. The Ko Shan Theatre New Wing which provides, among others, a 600-seat auditorium, an exhibition gallery, three rehearsal rooms, three singing practice rooms and a function room, has been completed. The proposal to set aside the new premises as a civic centre will enable the Authority to enforce the regulations relating to this civic centre for proper management. The civic centre will be open for public use with effect from 16 June 2014.

AMENDMENT OF THIRTEENTH SCHEDULE

4. The Amendment Order at Annex A amends the Thirteenth Schedule to the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap.132) to set aside the new premises for use as a civic centre.

LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

5. The legislative timetable is as follows –

Publication in the Gazette	16 May 2014
Tabling at the Legislative Council for negative vetting	21 May 2014

PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND PUBLICITY

6. We have consulted the Kowloon City District Council which supports the proposal. The addition of the Ko Shan Theatre New Wing to the Thirteenth Schedule of the Ordinance will be published in the Gazette on 16 May 2014.

ENQUIRY

7. Please contact Ms Winsome CHOW, Assistant Director (Performing Arts), at 2601 8028 for enquiries on this subject.

Leisure and Cultural Services Department
12 May 2014

Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Civic Centres) (Amendment of Thirteenth Schedule) Order 2014

Section 1

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Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Civic Centres) (Amendment of Thirteenth Schedule) Order 2014

(Made by the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services under section 105M of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132))

1. Commencement

This Order comes into operation on 16 June 2014.

2. Premises set aside for use as civic centre

The premises specified in Schedule 1 are set aside for use as a civic centre.

3. Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance amended

The Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132) is amended as set out in Schedule 2.

Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Civic Centres) (Amendment of Thirteenth Schedule) Order 2014

Schedule 1

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Schedule 1

[s. 2]

Premises Set Aside for Use as Civic Centre

The Ko Shan Theatre New Wing at the Ko Shan Road Park, Hung Hom.

Schedule 2

[s. 3]

**Amendment to Public Health and Municipal Services
Ordinance**

1. Thirteenth Schedule amended (civic centres)

Thirteenth Schedule, item relating to Ko Shan Theatre—

Repeal

“The Ko Shan Theatre at the Ko Shan Road Park”

Substitute

“The Ko Shan Theatre and the Ko Shan Theatre New Wing at
the Ko Shan Road Park”.



Director of Leisure and Cultural
Services

7 May 2014

Explanatory Note

This Order sets aside the Ko Shan Theatre New Wing at the Ko Shan Road Park, Hung Hom for use as a civic centre under the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132). The centre and its facilities are to be managed by the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services according to that Ordinance.