

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF

PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES DESIGNATION OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

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 libraries listed in the Schedule to the Designation of Libraries Order (Cap. 132 sub. leg.O). Under Section 105K of the Ordinance, the Authority may, by order published in the Gazette, designate any building, or part of a building, as a library.

2. We propose to amend the Schedule to the Designation of Libraries Order (Cap. 132 sub. leg.O) as follows:

(a) By repealing item 18 –

“18. Units No. 1 to 6, ground floor, Commercial Centre, Pak Tin Estate, Kowloon.”

and substituting -

“18. The seventh floor of Shek Kip Mei Estate Ancillary Facilities Block, 100 Woh Chai Street, Shek Kip Mei, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon.”

JUSTIFICATIONS

3. The proposal to designate the new premises as a library will enable the Authority to enforce the regulations relating to this public library for proper management. The existing Pak Tin Public Library located at Units No. 1 to 6, ground floor, Commercial Centre, Pak Tin Estate, Kowloon will be closed and cease operation upon the commissioning of the new library. The new library will be re-named as Shek Kip Mei Public Library and open for public use with effect from 28 March 2014.

AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE TO THE DESIGNATION OF LIBRARIES ORDER (Cap. 132 sub. leg. O)

4. The Order at Annex A amends the Schedule to the Designation of Libraries Order to update the list of public libraries.

LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

5. The legislative timetable is as follows –

Publication in the Gazette	17 January 2014
Tabling at the Legislative Council for negative vetting	22 January 2014

PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND PUBLICITY

6. Sham Shui Po District Council has requested the early commissioning of the new library. The designation of the library premises as a library in the Schedule of the Ordinance will be published in the Gazette.

ENQUIRY

7. Please contact Mr YM LEE, Assistant Director (Libraries & Development), at 2601 8945 for enquiries on this subject.

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

6 January 2014

Designation of Libraries (Amendment) Order 2014

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

1. Commencement

This Order comes into operation on 28 March 2014.

2. Designation of Libraries Order amended

The Designation of Libraries Order (Cap. 132 sub. leg. O) is amended as set out in section 3.

3. Schedule amended

The Schedule—

Repeal item 18

Substitute

“18. The seventh floor of Shek Kip Mei Estate Ancillary Facilities Block, 100 Woh Chai Street, Shek Kip Mei, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon.”



Director of Leisure and Cultural
Services

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Explanatory Note

This Order—

- (a) cancels the designation of Units No. 1 to 6, ground floor, Commercial Centre, Pak Tin Estate, Kowloon as a library; and
 - (b) designates the seventh floor of Shek Kip Mei Estate Ancillary Facilities Block, 100 Woh Chai Street, Shek Kip Mei, Sham Shui Po, Kowloon as a library.
2. As a result of the designation, the management and control of the library mentioned in paragraph 1(b) is vested in the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services. The Director may also exercise other statutory functions under the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132) in respect of that library.