

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:-

By adding item 74 and 75 -

“74. Shop Nos. G15 and G16, Ground Floor, Dawning Views Shopping Plaza, 23 Yat Ming Road, Fanling.

75. The ground Floor, Room 201 of second floor, the third to fifth Floors of the High Block of Yuen Chau Kok Complex, 35 Ngan Shing Street, Sha Tin.”.

JUSTIFICATIONS

3. The amendments to the Schedule to the Designation of Libraries Order (Cap. 132 sub. leg.O) as proposed in paragraph 2 shall come into operation on 1 August 2016. They enable the Authority to enforce the regulations relating to the two public libraries for proper management. The Fanling South Public Library will be open for public use in 3rd quarter 2016. The Yuen Chau Kok Public Library will be open for public use in phases with the Students’ Study Room in 4th quarter 2016 and the full library in 1st quarter 2017.

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	20 May 2016
Tabling at the Legislative Council for negative vetting	25 May 2016

PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND PUBLICITY

6. The North District Council and the Sha Tin District Council supported the early commissioning of the two new libraries in Fanling and Sha Tin respectively. Both of 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 Miss LAU Shuk-fan, Rochelle, Assistant Director (Libraries & Development), at 2601 8945 for enquiries on this subject.

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

16 May 2016

Designation of Libraries (Amendment) Order 2016

(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 1 August 2016.

2. Designation of Libraries Order amended

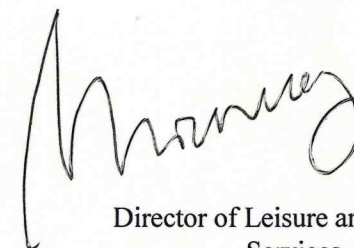
The Designation of Libraries Order (Cap. 132 sub. leg. O) is amended as set out in section 3.

3. Schedule amended

The Schedule—

Add

- “74. Shop Nos. G15 and G16, Ground Floor, Dawning Views Shopping Plaza, 23 Yat Ming Road, Fanling.
75. The ground floor, Room 201 of the second floor, and the third to fifth floors of the High Block of Yuen Chau Kok Complex, 35 Ngan Shing Street, Sha Tin.”.



Director of Leisure and Cultural
Services

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Explanatory Note

This Order designates the following as libraries—

- (a) Shop Nos. G15 and G16, Ground Floor, Dawning Views Shopping Plaza, 23 Yat Ming Road, Fanling;
- (b) the ground floor, Room 201 of the second floor, and the third to fifth floors of the High Block of Yuen Chau Kok Complex, 35 Ngan Shing Street, Sha Tin.

2. As a result of the designation, the management and control of the libraries mentioned in paragraph 1 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 those libraries.