# **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF**

# PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES SETTING ASIDE PLACES FOR USE AS PUBLIC PLEASURE GROUNDS

#### INTRODUCTION

The Director of Leisure and Cultural Services, in his capacity as the Authority ("Authority") under the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance Cap.132 ("the Ordinance"), manages the public pleasure grounds listed in the Fourth Schedule to the Ordinance. Under Section 106 of the Ordinance, the Authority may, from time to time, by order set aside places for use as public pleasure grounds, and may by order amend, or add to, or delete from the Fourth Schedule.

2. We propose to introduce the amendments through the Public Health and Municipal Services (Setting Aside Places for Use as Public Pleasure Grounds) Order 2009 at <u>Annex A</u> and the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Amendment of Fourth Schedule) Order 2009 at <u>Annex B</u> to this Brief to set aside the places specified in the Schedule at <u>Annex A</u> for use as public pleasure grounds.

#### JUSTIFICATIONS

3. The proposal to set aside 13 new venues as public pleasure grounds will enable the Authority to enforce the regulations relating to these public pleasure grounds for proper management.

#### Places to be set aside for use as public pleasure grounds

4. The following 13 new venues are required to be designated as public pleasure grounds and are to be included in the Fourth Schedule —

- (i) Three new venues that are already open or will be open for public use by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD):
  - (a) Sau Ming Road Park
  - (b) Tseung Kwan O Sports Ground

- (c) Tung Tsz Nursery Community Garden
- (ii) 10 venues taken over from the respective District Councils for management by LCSD:
  - (a) Beech Street Sitting-out Area
  - (b) Canton Road/Soy Street Sitting-out Area
  - (c) Pok Fu Lam Village Sitting-out Area No. 2
  - (d) Quarry Bay Wilson Trail Sitting-out Area
  - (e) She Shan Sitting-out Area
  - (f) Tin Hau Temple Road Sitting-out Area
  - (g) Tung Tsz Road Sitting-out Area
  - (h) Wai Tau Tsuen Sitting-out Area
  - (i) Wong Tai Street/Ivy Street Sitting-out Area
  - (j) Wong Tai Street/Tai Tsun Street Sitting-out Area

# AMENDMENT OF FOURTH SCHEDULE

5. The Amendment Order at <u>Annex B</u> amends the Fourth Schedule to the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132) to update the list of public pleasure grounds.

# **LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE**

6. The legislative timetable is as follows –

Publication in the Gazette16 January 2009Tabling at the Legislative Council21 January 2009for negative vetting21 January 2009

# PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND PUBLICITY

7. We have consulted the respective District Councils which support the proposals. The addition of the public pleasure grounds to the Fourth Schedule of the Ordinance will be published in the Gazette.

# ENQUIRY

8. Please contact Mr Paul K K CHEUNG, Assistant Director (Leisure Services)1, at 2601 8966, for enquiries on this subject.

#### Leisure and Cultural Services Department 13 January 2009

<u>Annex A</u>

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# PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES (SETTING ASIDE PLACES FOR USE AS PUBLIC PLEASURE GROUNDS) ORDER 2009

(Made by the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services under section 106(1) of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132))

# 1. Places set aside for use as public pleasure grounds

The places specified in the Schedule are set aside for use as public pleasure grounds.

#### SCHEDULE

#### PLACES SET ASIDE FOR USE AS PUBLIC PLEASURE GROUNDS

#### PART 1

#### HONG KONG ISLAND

Pok Fu Lam Village Sitting-out Area No. 2 Quarry Bay Wilson Trail Sitting-out Area Tin Hau Temple Road Sitting-out Area

#### PART 2

#### Kowloon

Beech Street Sitting-out Area Canton Road/Soy Street Sitting-out Area Sau Ming Road Park Wong Tai Street/Ivy Street Sitting-out Area Wong Tai Street/Tai Tsun Street Sitting-out Area

### PART 3

# THE NEW TERRITORIES

She Shan Sitting-out Area Tseung Kwan O Sports Ground Tung Tsz Nursery Community Garden Tung Tsz Road Sitting-out Area Wai Tau Tsuen Sitting-out Area

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#### **Explanatory Note**

This Order sets aside certain places for use as public pleasure grounds.

Annex B

# PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES ORDINANCE (AMENDMENT OF FOURTH SCHEDULE) ORDER 2009

# (Made by the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services under section 106(6) of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132))

#### **1.** Public pleasure grounds

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(1) The Fourth Schedule to the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132) is amended, in the list of public pleasure grounds (other than bathing beaches) under the heading "Hong Kong Island" –

- (a) by adding "Pok Fu Lam Village Sitting-out Area No. 2";
- (b) by adding "Quarry Bay Wilson Trail Sitting-out Area";
- (c) by adding "Tin Hau Temple Road Sitting-out Area".

(2) The Fourth Schedule is amended, in the list of public pleasure grounds (other than bathing beaches) under the heading "Kowloon" –

- (a) by adding "Beech Street Sitting-out Area";
- (b) by adding "Canton Road/Soy Street Sitting-out Area";
- (c) by adding "Sau Ming Road Park";
- (d) by adding "Wong Tai Street/Ivy Street Sitting-out Area";
- (e) by adding "Wong Tai Street/Tai Tsun Street Sitting-out Area".

(3) The Fourth Schedule is amended, in the list of public pleasure grounds (other than bathing beaches) under the heading "The New Territories" –

- (a) by adding "She Shan Sitting-out Area";
- (b) by adding "Tseung Kwan O Sports Ground";
- (c) by adding "Tung Tsz Nursery Community Garden";
- (d) by adding "Tung Tsz Road Sitting-out Area";
- (e) by adding "Wai Tau Tsuen Sitting-out Area".

(Thomas Chow) Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

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#### **Explanatory Note**

This Order amends the Fourth Schedule to the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132) in order to update the list of public pleasure grounds.