

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 21 -

“21. The ground floor, Wing B, Tak Lok House, Tak Tin Estate, Kowloon.”

(b) By repealing item 72 -

“72. The Students’ Study Room on the fifth floor of Lam Tin Complex, 1 Hing Tin Street, Lam Tin, Kwun Tong.”

and substituting -

“The fifth and sixth floors of Lam Tin Complex, 1 Hing Tin Street, Lam Tin, Kwun Tong.”

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 Students’ Study Room on the fifth floor of the

new library has already been opened to the public on 30 November 2012. The full library will be open for public use with effect from 30 March 2013. The existing Lam Tin Public Library located at the ground floor, Wing B, Tak Lok House, Tak Tin Estate, Kowloon will be closed and cease operation upon the commissioning of the new library.

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	1 February 2013
Tabling at the Legislative Council for negative vetting	6 February 2013

PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND PUBLICITY

6. Kwun Tong 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

28 January 2013

**Designation of Libraries (Amendment) (No. 2) Order
2013**

(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 30 March 2013.

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

(1) The Schedule—

Repeal item 21.

(2) The Schedule, item 72—

Repeal

“Students’ Study Room on the fifth floor”

Substitute

“fifth and sixth floors”.



Director of Leisure and Cultural
Services

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Explanatory Note

This Order—

- (a) cancels the designation of the ground floor, Wing B, Tak Lok House, Tak Tin Estate, Kowloon as a library;
 - (b) cancels the designation of the Students' Study Room on the fifth floor of Lam Tin Complex, 1 Hing Tin Street, Lam Tin, Kwun Tong as a library; and
 - (c) designates the fifth and sixth floors of Lam Tin Complex, 1 Hing Tin Street, Lam Tin, Kwun Tong as a library.
2. As a result of the designation, the management and control of the library mentioned in paragraph 1(c) 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.