

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) by adding

“71. The Students’ Study Room on the first floor of the High Block of Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai Leisure and Cultural Building, 1 Tsui Sing Road, Tin Shui Wai, Yuen Long.”.

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

JUSTIFICATIONS

3. The proposal to designate the students’ study rooms as libraries will enable the Authority to enforce the regulations relating to these two students’ study rooms for proper management. The Students’ Study Room on the first floor of the High Block of Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai Leisure and Cultural Building, and on the fifth floor of Lam Tin Complex, will be open for public use with effect from 19 and 30 November 2012 respectively.

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 add the new premises for use as public libraries.

LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

5. The legislative timetable is as follows –

Publication in the Gazette	12 October 2012
Tabling at the Legislative Council for negative vetting	17 October 2012

PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND PUBLICITY

6. Yuen Long District Council and Kwun Tong District Council have requested the early commissioning of the students' study rooms in the two new public libraries. The designation of the students' study rooms as libraries 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

8 October 2012

Designation of Libraries (Amendment) Order 2012

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

1. Commencement

- (1) Subject to subsection (2), this Order comes into operation on 19 November 2012.
- (2) Section 3(2) comes into operation on 30 November 2012.

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—

Add

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Explanatory Note

This Order amends the Schedule to the Designation of Libraries Order (Cap. 132 sub. leg. O) to designate the Students' Study Rooms at the following locations as libraries—

- (a) the first floor of the High Block of Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai Leisure and Cultural Building, 1 Tsui Sing Road, Tin Shui Wai, Yuen Long;
 - (b) the fifth floor of Lam Tin Complex, 1 Hing Tin Street, Lam Tin, Kwun Tong.
2. As a result, the management and control of the libraries are 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.