

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 62 -

“62. Shop Nos. 101-102, First floor, Kingswood Ginza, Phase 2, 18 Tin Yan Road, Tin Shui Wai, Yuen Long.”.

(b) By repealing item 71 -

“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.”.

and substituting -

“The ground to seventh floors of the High Block of Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai Leisure and Cultural Building, 1 Tsui Sing Road, Tin Shui Wai, Yuen Long.”.

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 first floor of the new library has already been opened to the public on 19 November 2012.

The full library will be open for public use with effect from 28 February 2013. The existing Tin Shui Wai Public Library located at Shop Nos. 101-102, First floor, Kingswood Ginza, Phase 2, 18 Tin Yan Road, Tin Shui Wai, Yuen Long 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 –

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| Publication in the Gazette | 4 January 2013 |
| Tabling at the Legislative Council for negative vetting | 9 January 2013 |

PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND PUBLICITY

6. Yuen Long 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

7 January 2013

Designation of Libraries (Amendment) 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 28 February 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 62.

(2) The Schedule, item 71—

Repeal

“Students’ Study Room on the first floor”

Substitute

“ground to seventh floors”.



Director of Leisure and Cultural
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Explanatory Note

This Order—

- (a) cancels the designation of Shop Nos. 101–102, First floor, Kingswood Ginza, Phase 2, 18 Tin Yan Road, Tin Shui Wai, Yuen Long as a library;
 - (b) cancels the designation of 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 as a library; and
 - (c) designates the ground to seventh floors of the High Block of Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai Leisure and Cultural Building, 1 Tsui Sing Road, Tin Shui Wai, Yuen Long 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.