

# **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 repealing item 41 -

“41. The 1st floor of the building known as Yuen Long Government Offices, 2 Kiu Lok Square, Yuen Long.”

and substituting –

“41. The ground and first floors of Yuen Long Leisure and Cultural Building, 52 Ma Tin Road, Yuen Long.”

### **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 19 June 2017. They enable the Authority to enforce the regulations relating to this public library for proper management. The existing Yuen Long Public Library located at the 1st floor of the building know as Yuen Long Government Offices, 2 Kiu Lok Square, Yuen Long will be closed and ceased operation upon the commissioning of the new

library. The new library will be opened for public use with effect from 19 June 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	17 March 2017
Tabling at the Legislative Council for negative vetting	22 March 2017

## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND PUBLICITY**

6. The Yuen Long District Council supported 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 Miss LAU Shuk-fan, Rochelle, Assistant Director (Libraries & Development), at 2601 8945 for enquiries on this subject.

**Leisure and Cultural Services Department**

**3 March 2017**

## Designation of Libraries (Amendment) Order 2017

(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 19 June 2017.

### 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—

#### Repeal item 41

#### Substitute

“41. The ground and first floors of Yuen Long Leisure and Cultural Building, 52 Ma Tin Road, Yuen Long.”



Director of Leisure and Cultural  
Services

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## Explanatory Note

This Order—

- (a) cancels the designation of the 1st floor of the building known as Yuen Long Government Offices, 2 Kiu Lok Square, Yuen Long as a library; and
  - (b) designates the ground and first floors of Yuen Long Leisure and Cultural Building, 52 Ma Tin Road, Yuen Long as a library.
2. As a result of the designation, the management and control of the library mentioned in paragraph 1(b) 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.