

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF

PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES DESIGNATION OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

BACKGROUND

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) plans to provide on a trial basis three self-service library stations (“stations”), one each on Hong Kong Island, in Kowloon and in the New Territories at convenient locations with heavier pedestrian flow and far from existing libraries. The stations will provide round-the-clock library services such as borrowing, return, payment and pickup of reserved library materials. The three identified locations for setting up the stations are the Island East Sports Centre sitting-out area in the Eastern District, outside the Studio Theatre of the Hong Kong Cultural Centre in the Yau Tsim Mong District and an outdoor area near the Tai Wai MTR Station in the Sha Tin District respectively. After launching the trial scheme, the LCSD will monitor usage and evaluate the effectiveness of the trial scheme when appropriate.

2. The proposed legislative amendments aim to designate the two stations located at the Island East Sports Centre and the Hong Kong Cultural Centre as libraries. Such designation enables the LCSD to manage these stations properly in accordance with the Libraries Regulation (Cap 132 sub. leg. AL) (“the Regulation”). As for the third station to be set up in Tai Wai, legislative amendments will be arranged separately upon completion of the necessary land allocation procedures.

PROPOSAL

3. 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.

4. We propose to amend the Schedule to the Designation of Libraries Order (Cap. 132 sub. leg. O) as follows:-

By adding item 76 and 77-

“76. The building known as Self-service Library Station situated at the Island East Sports Centre, 52 Lei King Road, Sai Wan Ho.

77. The building known as Self-service Library Station situated at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre, 10 Salisbury Road, Tsim Sha Tsui.”

JUSTIFICATIONS

5. The amendments to the Schedule to the Designation of Libraries Order (Cap. 132 sub. leg. O) as proposed in paragraph 4 shall come into effect on 1 September 2017. They enable the Authority to enforce the Regulations relating to the two stations for proper management. The stations located at the Island East Sports Centre and the Hong Kong Cultural Centre are tentatively planned to open for public use in the third quarter of 2017 and the first quarter of 2018 respectively.

AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULE TO THE DESIGNATION OF LIBRARIES ORDER (Cap. 132 sub. leg. O)

6. The Order at Annex A amends the Schedule to the Designation of Libraries Order to update the list of public libraries.

LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE

7. The legislative timetable is as follows –

Publication in the Gazette	19 May 2017
Tabling at the Legislative Council for negative vetting	24 May 2017

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8. The Eastern District Council and the Yau Tsim Mong District Council supported the commissioning of the two stations at the Island East Sports Centre and the Hong Kong Cultural Centre respectively. The designation of the two stations as libraries in the

Schedule of the Ordinance will be published in the Gazette.

ENQUIRY

9. Please contact Miss LAU Shuk-fan, Rochelle, Assistant Director (Libraries & Development), at 2601 8945 for enquiries on this subject.

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

12 May 2017

**Designation of Libraries (Amendment) (No. 2) 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 1 September 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—

Add

- “76. The building known as Self-service Library Station
situated at the Island East Sports Centre, 52 Lei King
Road, Sai Wan Ho.
77. The building known as Self-service Library Station
situated at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre, 10
Salisbury Road, Tsim Sha Tsui.”.



Director of Leisure and Cultural
Services

12.5. 2017

Explanatory Note

This Order designates the following as libraries—

- (a) the building known as Self-service Library Station situated at the Island East Sports Centre, 52 Lei King Road, Sai Wan Ho;
 - (b) the building known as Self-service Library Station situated at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre, 10 Salisbury Road, Tsim Sha Tsui.
2. As a result of the designation, the management and control of the libraries mentioned in paragraph 1 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 those libraries.