

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 2 –

“2. The ground and mezzanine floors of the building known as Yau Ma Tei Multi-storey Car Park, situated at Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon”

and substituting item 2 –

“2. Block A of the ground of, and the first to third floors of, No. 251, Shanghai Street, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon.”

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 28 December 2020. They enable the Authority to enforce the regulations relating to this public library for proper management. The existing Yau Ma Tei Public Library located at the ground and mezzanine floors of the building known as Yau Ma Tei Multi-storey Car Park, situated at Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon 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 28 December 2020.

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	8 May 2020
Tabling at the Legislative Council for negative vetting	13 May 2020

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6. The Yau Tsim Mong 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 Mrs CHENG LAU Mei-lee, Mary, Assistant Director (Libraries & Development), at 2601 8945 for enquiries on this subject.

Leisure and Cultural Services Department

4 May 2020

Designation of Libraries (Amendment) Order 2020

(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 December 2020.

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 2

Substitute

- “2. Block A of the ground floor of, and the first to third floors of, No. 251, Shanghai Street, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon.”.



Director of Leisure and Cultural
Services

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Explanatory Note

This Order—

- (a) cancels the designation of the ground and mezzanine floors of the building known as Yau Ma Tei Multi-storey Car Park, situated at Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon as a library; and
 - (b) designates Block A of the ground floor of, and the first to third floors of, No. 251, Shanghai Street, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon 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.