

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF

PUBLIC HEALTH AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES DESIGNATION OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

INTRODUCTION

The Director of Leisure and Cultural Services, in his 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 23 –

“23. Units No. 104-109, ground floor, Sau Ming House, Sau Mau Ping Estate (I), Kowloon.”

and substituting item 23 –

“23. The upper ground floor of Sau Yun House, Sau Mau Ping Estate, Sau Ming Road, Sau Mau Ping, 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 23 July 2021. They enable the Authority to enforce the regulations relating to this public library for proper management. The existing Sau Mau Ping Public Library located at Units No. 104-109, ground floor, Sau Ming House, Sau Mau Ping Estate (I), 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 23 July 2021.

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	21 May 2021
Tabling at the Legislative Council for negative vetting	26 May 2021

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6. The Kwun Tong 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

11 May 2021

Designation of Libraries (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2021

(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 23 July 2021.

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 23

Substitute

“23. The upper ground floor of Sau Yun House, Sau Mau Ping Estate, Sau Ming Road, Sau Mau Ping, Kowloon.”.



Director of Leisure and Cultural
Services

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Explanatory Note

This Order—

- (a) cancels the designation of Units No. 104-109, ground floor, Sau Ming House, Sau Mau Ping Estate (I), Kowloon as a library; and
 - (b) designates the upper ground floor of Sau Yun House, Sau Mau Ping Estate, Sau Ming Road, Sau Mau Ping, 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.