

Anti-epidemic Support Scheme for Environmental Hygiene and Security Staff for Premises under the Home Affairs Bureau's Purview will soon be launched

The Government fully recognises and appreciates the frontline property management (PM) workers (i.e. cleaning and security workers) who have been carrying out their duties with dedication during the pandemic. Further to the announcement on March 19 on the extension of the scope of the subsidy to the relevant workers under the sixth round of the Anti-epidemic Fund (AEF 6.0) and upon review of the actual situation of the frontline PM workers of premises under the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB)'s purview, the HAB announced today (May 30) that the Anti-epidemic Support Scheme for Environmental Hygiene and Security Staff for Premises under the Home Affairs Bureau's Purview will be launched on June 1 to provide the same monthly allowance of \$2,000 to the frontline PM workers working in the following premises for a maximum of five months (from February to June 2022):

- (a) campsites under the management of the youth uniformed groups and youth non-governmental organisations subvented by the HAB and other eligible premises;
- (b) cemeteries managed by the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries;
- (c) standalone religious premises;
- (d) the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts;
- (e) facilities at the Hong Kong Sports Institute;
- (f) site offices and ancillary facilities at the Kai Tak Sports Park under the management of Kai Tak Sports Park Limited; and
- (g) standalone office and sports facilities under the management of relevant "national sports associations"/sports organisations subvented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department.

It is estimated that around 4 000 PM workers could benefit under the scheme. The applications must be made by the relevant organisations by June 30. The total estimated expenditure for the above measure is about \$28.85 million.

For details of the scheme, please visit the website of the HAB (www.hab.gov.hk/en/other_information/ASHAB.htm).