

Electronic submission of student grant applications expanded to private schools and kindergartens

A spokesman for the Education Bureau (EDB) said today (June 6) that starting from the 2024/25 school year, electronic submission (e-submission) of student grant applications will be expanded to private schools and kindergartens, covering all types of schools. Parents of all students studying in secondary day-schools, primary schools and special schools (including public sector schools, Direct Subsidy Scheme (DSS) schools, English Schools Foundation schools and private schools) as well as kindergartens offering local or non-local curriculum in Hong Kong can apply for the student grant of \$2,500 through the e-submission platform (e-platform).

"The e-platform has already covered all government schools, aided schools and DSS schools this school year. Over 60 per cent of parents of these schools have successfully applied for the student grant through the faster means offered by the e-platform. Starting from the 2024/25 school year, parents with children studying in different types of schools can make applications for all their eligible children on the e-platform in one go. They can check the application status at any time on the e-platform and upload supplementary documents where necessary. They can enjoy more efficient and expedited application and vetting services," the spokesman continued.

To submit student grant applications for the 2024/25 school year through the e-platform, parents only need to have a user account of "iAM Smart+" with a digital signing function and log in to the service platform of "e-Submission of Student Grant Applications" via the "iAM Smart" App or by clicking on stgsesweb.edb.gov.hk during the specified period in September this year.

The EDB encourages parents to register for "iAM Smart+" as soon as possible for using the e-platform in the upcoming school year. The EDB is conducting promotional activities at schools across districts with booths set up for parents to register for "iAM Smart+" on site (see attachment). Parents can make an appointment at forms.office.com/r/UNhdWCSA0i. Parents may also register for "iAM Smart+" through the "iAM Smart" self-registration kiosks, registration service counters or mobile registration teams in various districts. Details can be found on the "iAM Smart" thematic website (www.iamsmart.gov.hk/en/reg_location.html).

To learn about how to submit student grant applications through the e-platform, parents may refer to the Parent's Guide on e-Submission of Student Grant Applications on the EDB website (www.edb.gov.hk/en/student-parents/support-subsidies/student-grant/e-submission.html). For enquiries, please contact the Student Special Support Section

Kwun Tong Office of the EDB (email: stgenquiry@edb.gov.hk; hotline: 3850 2000). Also, a series of WhatsApp stickers on e-submission of student grant applications is available on the EDB's Smart Parent Net website (www.parent.edu.hk/en/smart-parent-net/topics/article/2024-e-submission). Parents are welcome to download and share the stickers with friends and family.

Special traffic arrangements for Tuen Ng Festival

Police will implement special traffic arrangements in various districts from June 9 to 10 to facilitate the public to watch dragon boat races and to ensure smooth vehicular traffic movement and pedestrian safety.

Southern District

A. Road closure

Stanley Link Road and Hoi Fung Path will be closed from 6am to 7pm on June 10, except for vehicles of local residents.

Stanley New Street and Stanley Market Road will be closed from 7am to 6pm on June 10, except for vehicles of local residents and vehicles with permit.

Stanley Main Street will be designated as pedestrian precinct from 7am to 11pm on June 10.

B. Suspension of parking spaces and car park

The following parking spaces and car park will be suspended from 6am on June 9 to 7pm on June 10:

- All parking spaces on Stanley Link Road; and
- The public car park near the refuse collection point on Stanley Beach Road.

The following parking spaces will be suspended from 6am to 7pm on June 10:

- Eleven metered parking spaces on Island Road opposite to the Hong Kong Golf Club;
- Four metered parking spaces on Island Road opposite to the Deep Water Bay Golf Course;
- Sixteen metered parking spaces on Island Road near the Deep Water Bay Beach barbecue site; and
- All motorcycle parking spaces on Island Road.

Sha Tin

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The cycling track along the northern riverside of Shing Mun River Channel outside Yuen Wo Tennis Court will be closed from 2pm on June 9 to 3pm on June 10.

The cycling track along the northern riverside of Shing Mun River Channel between Yuen Wo Road Sports Centre and Sha Tin Sports Ground will be closed from 7am to 2.30pm on June 10.

Tai Po

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A. Road closure

Dai King Street, Dai Hei Street and Dai Kwai Street south of Dai Cheong Street will be closed from 6pm on June 9 to 2pm on June 10, except for taxis and vehicles with permit.

B. Closure of cycling track

The cycling track inside Tai Po Waterfront Park near Tai Po Industrial Estate will be closed from 7am to 2pm on June 10.

C. Suspension of parking spaces and car park

Dai Shing Street Car Park will be suspended from 6pm on June 9 to 3.30pm on June 10, except for vehicles with permit.

The on-street parking spaces on Dai King Street, Dai Hei Street and Dai Kwai Street south of Dai Cheong Street will be suspended from 6pm on June 9 to 2pm on June 10, except for vehicles with permit.

All vehicles parked illegally during the implementation of the above special traffic arrangements will be towed away without prior warning, and may be subject to multiple ticketing.

Actual implementation of traffic arrangements will be made depending on traffic and crowd conditions in the areas. Motorists are advised to exercise tolerance and patience and take heed of instructions of the Police on site.

**[Ballots drawn for Sale of Green Form
Subsidised Home Ownership Scheme Flats](#)**

2023 (with photo)

The following is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Housing Authority:

Ballots were drawn today (June 6) for the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA)'s Sale of Green Form Subsidised Home Ownership Scheme (GSH) Flats 2023 (GSH 2023). The Chairman of the HA's Subsidised Housing Committee, Ms Cleresa Wong, officiated at the ballot drawing.

"During the application period, the HA received a total of around 56 000 applications for GSH 2023 comprising around 35 000 carry-over Green Form applications from the Sale of Home Ownership Scheme Flats 2023 (HOS 2023) and around 21 000 new applications, out of which around 13 000 were received online. Amongst the applications received, around 46 000 came from family applicants (in which around 24 000 applied under the Priority Scheme for Families with Elderly Members) and around 10 000 were from one-person applicants," a spokesman for the HA said.

The ballot drawing conducted today is to determine the applicants' priority sequence for GSH 2023 based on the last two digits of their application numbers. For applicants holding the same drawn digits within the different application categories, their order of priority will be randomly generated by computer.

The ballot results have been uploaded to the dedicated webpages on the HA/Housing Department (HD)'s website (www.housingauthority.gov.hk/gsh/2023). Applicants who have submitted online applications will receive email notification of the ballot results after the ballot drawing ceremony.

The randomly generated order of all application categories will be uploaded to the dedicated webpages tomorrow (June 7). It will also be displayed at the GSH Sales Office in Kwun Tong, the HA Customer Service Centre in Lok Fu, estate offices and District Tenancy Management Offices of the HA, rental estate offices of the Hong Kong Housing Society and the Home Affairs Enquiry Centres of the Home Affairs Department from tomorrow. Applicants may also call the HA Sales hotline 2712 8000 for enquiries.

The HA will, in accordance with the order of priority, invite applicants holding a valid Green Form Certificate to submit the income and asset declaration form and supporting documents within a specified period for detailed vetting, so as to ascertain whether individual applicants meet the eligibility criteria for GSH 2023 and the final priority for flat selection of eligible applicants.

"Notifications will be sent to eligible applicants in batches starting from the third/fourth quarter of 2024 to invite them to select flats for sale under GSH 2023 at the GSH Sales Office in Kwun Tong according to their priority under the respective application category. When it comes to an eligible applicant's turn for flat selection, he/she may select a GSH flat or a recovered TPS flat subject to the availability of flats", the spokesman

said.

If applicants under the carry-over arrangement from HOS 2023 to GSH 2023 have successfully purchased a flat under HOS 2023, their applications for GSH 2023 will be cancelled immediately.

Flats for sale under GSH 2023 include:

- (1) a total of 2 359 flats from the new GSH development, Lai Yuet Court in Cheung Sha Wan;
- (2) around 300 unsold or rescinded GSH flats as at May 31, 2024, from Kai Chuen Court in Diamond Hill sold under GSH 2020/21, Ko Wang Court in Yau Tong and Kam Pak Court in Ma On Shan sold under GSH 2022, and any additional rescinded flats from these three GSH developments as identified up to about two months before commencement of flat selection; and
- (3) a new batch of recovered TPS flats (estimated to be about 350 flats). The final number and detailed flat list will be drawn up around three months before the flat selection of GSH 2023.

"Sales brochures for GSH developments (and sales pamphlets for recovered TPS flats) and price lists will be made available for public collection at the GSH Sales Office, and viewing on the HA/HD's designated websites starting seven days before commencement up to the end of the flat selection period for GSH 2023. During the same period, doll houses of typical flats and project models of Lai Yuet Court, virtual videos and virtual reality tours of the interior of samples of GSH flats, virtual reality tours of the interior of samples of recovered TPS flats, photos and video clips of the interior of all recovered TPS flats for sale, exhibition panels and other information on GSH developments and TPS estates will be available for public viewing at the GSH Sales Office and on the HA/HD's designated websites. Arrangements will be made with relevant stakeholders to facilitate the viewing of the recovered TPS flats put up for sale under GSH 2023 as far as practicable," the spokesman said.



Postal services to Iceland subject to delay

Hongkong Post announced today (June 6) that, as advised by the postal administration of Iceland, due to the impact of severe weather, mail delivery services to Iceland are subject to delay.

CE meets Mayor of Guangzhou Municipal Government (with photo)

The Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, met the Mayor of the Guangzhou Municipal Government, Mr Sun Zhiyang, today (June 6) to exchange views on deepening Hong Kong's co-operation with Guangzhou. Also attending the meeting was the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Mr Erick Tsang Kwok-wai.

Mr Lee said he is pleased to meet with Mr Sun again since they last met at the inaugural meeting of the Organising Committee of the 15th National Games in Guangzhou this April. Noting that both Hong Kong and Guangzhou are core cities of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (GBA) that act as key engines for regional development, Mr Lee said that the two places have been actively taking forward a series of co-operation initiatives in recent years, including the high-quality development of Nansha, investment by Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited in the Guangzhou Futures Exchange, and the equine industry development.

Mr Lee said that according to the Global Innovation Index 2023, the Shenzhen-Hong Kong-Guangzhou science and technology cluster has ranked second globally for four consecutive years, which shows that the three places embrace great potential for innovation and technology (I&T) development. The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Guangzhou), established in Nansha, nurtures students to become top I&T talent, fostering the joint building of a major I&T platform of Hong Kong and Guangzhou, and making contributions to the construction of China as a strong country in science and technology, he added.

Mr Lee noted that this year marks the fifth anniversary of the promulgation of the Outline Development Plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and he believes that Hong Kong and Guangzhou will continue to work together under the spirit of complementarity and mutual benefits, with a view to promoting co-operation between the two places at a

higher level, and the high-quality development of the GBA.

