Booking for free use of leisure facilities on Sport for All Day 2018 to commence this Sunday

Sport for All Day (SFAD) 2018 will be held on August 5 (Sunday). The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will open its leisure facilities for public use without charge and will organise free recreation and sports programmes at designated sports centres in the 18 districts. Members of the public are encouraged to join the event with their families and friends for a healthy Sunday.

Booking for free use of land-based leisure facilities and crafts at water sports centres on the day can be made at the Leisure Link booking counters at LCSD venues (excluding Self-service Kiosks) from 9am this Sunday (July 29) on a first-come, first-served basis.

The leisure facilities available for free use on SFAD 2018 include:

- * Indoor leisure facilities: badminton courts, tennis courts, basketball courts, netball courts, volleyball courts, squash courts, table tennis tables, American pool tables, billiard tables, sport climbing walls, bowling greens, golf facilities, fitness rooms, activity rooms, dance rooms and a cycling track;
- * Outdoor leisure facilities: tennis courts, tennis practice courts, bowling greens, batting cages, sport climbing walls, archery ranges, rope courses and golf facilities (excluding camp facilities, sports grounds and artificial/natural turf pitches);
- * Public swimming pools (excluding Wan Chai Swimming Pool); and
- * Crafts at water sports centres.

Each person can only book one free session irrespective of the type of leisure facility. No prior booking is required for public swimming pools. Interested users may line up at the pool entrance before a session starts for free admission on a first-come, first-served basis on August 5.

If a hirer fails to take up a facility 10 minutes after the starting time of the booked session, the facility will be allocated to walk-in participants on a first-come, first-served basis. The facility shall be used for the same purpose as that for which it has been booked by the original hirer. The user shall surrender the facility to the original hirer immediately upon the latter's arrival.

The LCSD appeals to hirers to arrive on time and make the best use of the booked facilities. Hirers should cancel their bookings as soon as possible if they are unable to use them.

Leisure Link patrons may cancel a booking via the Internet before the booked session starts. If the hirer is not a Leisure Link patron, he or she

should cancel the booking before the booked session starts via any Leisure Link Self-service Kiosk, or submit the cancellation request in person or by proxy at the booking counter of any LCSD leisure venue at least 30 minutes before the session starts (and at the latest before 8.30pm for booked sessions starting at 9pm or later) by producing a completed booking cancellation form together with the user permit and the original or a photocopy of his or her identity document. Booking cancellation forms are available at the booking counters of LCSD leisure venues or can be downloaded from the LCSD's website.

All users of leisure facilities should observe the Conditions for Free Use of Leisure Facilities and the existing Conditions of Use of Recreation and Sports Facilities under the LCSD. To ensure cleanliness in public swimming pools, swimmers should also observe the pool rules, maintain personal hygiene and help keep pool water clean.

Members of the public can also participate in various free recreation and sports programmes on SFAD 2018. In the afternoon of that day, the LCSD's designated sports centres in 18 districts will hold different activities including health talks and exercise demonstrations, fitness corner activities, programmes for persons with disabilities, parent-child sports programmes, and sports participation activities.

Enrolment for these free programmes has commenced. Members of the public can register at LCSD District Leisure Services Offices or designated venues on a first-come, first-served basis.

For details of SFAD 2018, please refer to the <u>designated webpage</u>. For enquiries, please call 2414 5555.