

Club-house Subsidy Scheme, Amusement Game Centres Subsidy Scheme and Mahjong/Tin Kau Licence Holder Subsidy Scheme under Anti-epidemic Fund continue to disburse subsidies

The Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA) under the Home Affairs Department continues to disburse subsidies to successful applicants under the Club-house Subsidy Scheme, Amusement Game Centres (AGCs) Subsidy Scheme and the Mahjong/Tin Kau (MJ/TK) Licence Holder Subsidy Scheme set up under the Anti-epidemic Fund.

The three schemes provide a one-off subsidy of \$100,000 respectively to eligible holders of valid Certificates of Compliance issued under the Clubs (Safety of Premises) Ordinance (Cap. 376), amusement game centre operators and MJ/TK licence holders. The schemes aim to provide immediate financial relief to them as their businesses have been hard-hit by the epidemics and social distancing measures imposed by the Government.

The application period for the Club-house Subsidy Scheme started on April 18 and closed on May 18. A total of 565 applications were received. As of today (May 26), 530 applications have been approved and \$53 million of subsidies have been disbursed. The OLA will expedite the vetting of the remaining applications. Successful applicants will be informed of the disbursement of subsidies through letters or emails.

Separately, the application periods of the AGCs Subsidy Scheme and the MJ/TK Licence Holder Subsidy Scheme both run from April 27 to May 27. Subsidies of \$19.2 million and \$6.5 million have already been disbursed under the schemes respectively. Operators who wish to apply for a subsidy but have yet to do so should submit an application to the OLA as soon as possible. Details of the two subsidy schemes and the relevant application forms are available on the website of the OLA (www.hadla.gov.hk).

For enquiries, please contact the OLA at 3107 3021 (the Club-house Subsidy Scheme), 2116 5230 (AGCs Subsidy Scheme) or 2117 2977 (MJ/TK Licence Holder Subsidy Scheme).