

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

The Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA) under the Home Affairs Department starts 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 fresh round of Anti-epidemic Fund starting from next week.

The application period for the above three schemes started on January 17. As of today (January 24), the OLA has received a total of 327 applications under the three schemes. Among the applications received, around 244 applications have been approved involving subsidies of around \$14 million. The OLA has expedited the processing of the applications to disburse as many as possible of the subsidies to successful applicants before the Lunar New Year.

The three schemes provide a subsidy of \$50,000 to eligible holders of valid Certificates of Compliance (CoC) issued under the Clubs (Safety of Premises) Ordinance (Cap. 376), amusement game centre operators and MJ/TK licence holders. An additional subsidy of \$25,000 will be provided to each permit/licence for CoC holders who also operate karaoke establishments, nightclubs or bars/pubs in their clubhouse premises.

The application deadline for the three schemes is February 17. Eligible operators should submit an application to the OLA as soon as possible. Details and the application forms for the three subsidy schemes are available on the website of the OLA (www.hadla.gov.hk). For enquiries, please contact the OLA at 3620 3062 (Club-house Subsidy Scheme), 2116 5230 (AGCs Subsidy Scheme) or 2117 2977 (MJ/TK Licence Holder Subsidy Scheme).