<u>Club-house Subsidy Scheme open for application</u>

The Club-house Subsidy Scheme (the Scheme) is now open for application, following the approval of the Anti-epidemic Fund (AEF) by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council today (April 18). The Scheme provides a one-off subsidy of \$100,000 to eligible club-houses operating with a valid Certificate of Compliance (CoC) issued under the Clubs (Safety of Premises) Ordinance (Cap. 376). It aims to provide immediate financial relief to CoC holders whose businesses have been hard-hit by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 pandemic and social distancing measures imposed by the Government.

Holders of a CoC with validity falling within the period(s) when the relevant directions issued pursuant to the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirement and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F) are in effect, are eligible for application. Eligible CoC holders should submit their applications to the Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA) under the Home Affairs Department. The deadline for application is May 18. Upon submission of the completed application form and supporting documents, the disbursement of subsidies could generally be made in around two weeks.

The application form and guidelines can be downloaded from the website of the OLA (www.hadla.gov.hk) or obtained from the office of the OLA (Address: 10th Floor, 14 Taikoo Wan Road, Taikoo Shing, Hong Kong). For details, please contact the OLA at 3107 3021 or visit the website of the OLA.