## <u>Disbursement of Subsidies under Club-house Subsidy Scheme under Anti-epidemic Fund begins</u>

The disbursement of subsidies under the Club-house Subsidy Scheme set up under the Anti-epidemic Fund has started.

The Scheme provides a one-off subsidy of \$100,000 to club-house operators with valid Certificates 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 epidemics and social distancing measures imposed by the Government.

The application period for the Scheme started on April 18. There are currently about 580 club-houses operating with valid CoCs in Hong Kong. As at today (May 12), 495 applications were received, of which 470 applications have been approved. The Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA) under the Home Affairs Department has started to disburse subsidies to the successful applicants, who will be informed of the disbursement of subsidies through letters or emails.

The application deadline is May 18. Eligible CoC holders are reminded to submit their applications as soon as possible. The application form and guidelines can be downloaded from the website of the OLA (<a href="www.hadla.gov.hk">www.hadla.gov.hk</a>) 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.