

[HK Public Libraries launches third self-service library station in Tai Wai \(with photos\)](#)

The Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) launched the third self-service library station today (January 15) in Tai Wai, strengthening the provision of round-the-clock public library services.

This library station is located at 2 Tsuen Nam Road, Tai Wai (near Exit D of MTR Tai Wai Station and the public transport interchange), and stores about 300 Chinese and English books of various subjects. Using their library card or Hong Kong identity card, registered HKPL users can borrow and return library materials, pick up reserved library materials and pay library fees and charges with Octopus at the library station. The station's stock will be replenished every day, during which services will be suspended temporarily.

The library station blends in with the neighbourhood by adopting a simple architectural style. A bamboo motif is employed to represent the Chinese notion of books and reading. Extruded aluminium tiles in a bamboo shape are fixed on wires and arranged in different directions to create textures and colours, forming an interesting pattern. The library station also includes a small landscaped garden to offer the public a relaxing and comfortable environment with seats for reading and resting.

An LCSD spokesperson said, "The self-service library station scheme has been launched on a trial basis. The LCSD will evaluate the effectiveness of the trial scheme taking into account the utilisation, cost-effectiveness, feedback from users, sustainability and complementarity with other library services."

The other two self-service library stations are located at Island East Sports Centre Sitting-out Area and the Hong Kong Cultural Centre.

For details of library station services, please visit www.hkpl.gov.hk/libstation.

