

LCSD public service arrangements during Lunar New Year holidays

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) announced today (January 6) the department's public service arrangements during the Lunar New Year holidays. Parks and playgrounds under the LCSD will remain open during the Lunar New Year holidays. The SmartPLAY Internet and mobile app services will also operate as usual throughout the holidays.

After the closure during the first two days of the Lunar New Year, some recreation and sports facilities will reopen and operate as usual (please refer to Annex 1 for details) on the third day of the Lunar New Year (January 31), including sports centres, squash courts, tennis courts, turf pitches, bowling greens, Tuen Mun Recreation and Sports Centre and the archery range at Ngau Chi Wan Park.

Apart from the above facilities, some sports centres, various fee-charging land-based facilities, swimming pools and water sports centres will be closed during the first three days of the Lunar New Year (January 29 to 31). Services at gazetted beaches will also be suspended. Stadia and all sports grounds will be closed unless advance bookings have been made.

Holiday camps will be closed during the first three days of the Lunar New Year, and lodging will not be provided on Lunar New Year's Eve (January 28).

SmartPLAY service counters and Smart Self-Service Stations at venues will not operate when the venues are closed. For venues scheduled to reopen on January 31, their SmartPLAY service counters and Smart Self-Service Stations will also resume operation on the same day.

Details of the opening arrangements for LCSD recreation and sports venues during the Lunar New Year holidays have been posted at all venues and uploaded to the department's website (www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/index.html).

Regarding cultural venues, the opening hours of performance venues and URBTIX outlets during the Lunar New Year holidays are listed in Annex 2. From January 28 to 31 (Lunar New Year's Eve to the third day of the Lunar New Year), the URBTIX Internet booking (www.urbtix.hk) and the mobile ticketing app URBTIX will maintain normal services, and both the telephone booking hotline 3166 1288 and the ticketing enquiries and customer service hotline 3166 1100 will provide normal services from 10am to 8pm daily.

The opening hours of the 15 museums and two art spaces under the LCSD during the Lunar New Year holidays are as follows:

- Lunar New Year's Eve (January 28): The Hong Kong Museum of Art, the Hong Kong Science Museum, the Hong Kong Museum of the War of Resistance and Coastal Defence, the Law Uk Folk Museum, the Oil Street Art Space, and

the Lei Cheng Uk Han Tomb Museum will be closed at 5pm. The Hong Kong Heritage Museum, the Hong Kong Museum of History, the Hong Kong Space Museum, the Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware, the Hong Kong Railway Museum, the Fireboat Alexander Grantham Exhibition Gallery, the Sheung Yiu Folk Museum, the Hong Kong Film Archive, the Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre and the Sam Tung Uk Museum will be closed on that day.

- The first two days of the Lunar New Year (January 29 and 30): All closed.
- The third day of the Lunar New Year (January 31): Except for the Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre, all venues will open as usual.
- The fourth day of the Lunar New Year (February 1): All venues will resume normal opening hours.
- Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum was temporarily closed from May 1, 2024, for upgrading the permanent exhibition galleries to enhance the design and presentation, as well as for maintenance and renovation works.

All Hong Kong public libraries, mobile libraries and students' study rooms will be closed from 5pm on Lunar New Year's Eve (January 28) to the third day of the Lunar New Year (January 31).

Moreover, system maintenance work of public libraries will be carried out from 7am on January 29 to 11.59pm on January 30, during which the following services will be suspended:

- library mobile app services and Internet and telephone renewal services;
- other online library services, including the library catalogue, borrowers' record enquiries, reservation of library materials and computer facilities and electronic resources (e-books and e-databases); and
- self-service library stations (readers can still return books at the stations before the due date, and the loan record will be updated within two working days).