

# Mammals Section of Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens to reopen on December 13

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) announced that the Mammals Section of the Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens (HKZBG) will reopen this Friday (December 13).

The LCSD closed the Mammals Section of the HKZBG from October 14 having regard to the death of monkeys caused by bacterial infection. Multiple preventive and control measures have immediately been implemented, including thoroughly disinfecting and cleansing the animal cages, arranging for staff who take care of the animals to put on protective gear and reminding them to closely monitor their own health conditions. Bacterial tests for staff have shown negative results, while samples collected from surrounding soil and water have also tested negative. The animals and staff taking care of them are in normal health conditions. The LCSD will reopen the Mammals Section of the HKZBG.

To ensure the safety of visitors, staff and animals, rigorous environmental hygiene management measures and work guidelines will continue to be implemented in the HKZBG. Visitors should observe HKZBG staff's guidance as well as the safety instructions in the park. Visitors should not touch, feed or throw anything to the animals. Hand-washing facilities are provided in the park for visitors to keep their hands clean. Persons feeling unwell should not visit the park.

The LCSD will continue to communicate with the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health and the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, review the work guidelines in a timely manner, and implement the necessary control and protective measures.