## One-off Grant to Registered Sports Coaches scheme opens for applications

A spokesman for the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) said today (May 15) that the Government will launch a One-off Grant to Registered Sports Coaches scheme under the second round of the Anti-epidemic Fund. The scheme is now open for applications. Each eligible registered sports coach can receive a one-off grant of \$7,500. The scheme aims to provide immediate financial relief to eligible registered sports coaches whose coaching and teaching services have been seriously affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing measures imposed by the Government.

Sports coaches registered under National Sports Associations or recognised sports organisations who had provided coaching services from April 1, 2019, to March 31, 2020, are eligible for application. They should submit applications to the Sports Funding Office of the LCSD by June 15. The grant will be disbursed in batches around one month after receipt of the completed application form and supporting documents.

The application form and guidelines can be downloaded from the LCSD website

(<a href="www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/programmes/programmeslist/sss/subsidyscheme.html">www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/programmes/programmeslist/sss/subsidyscheme.html</a>). These documents are also available from the 18 District Leisure Services Offices of the LCSD. For enquiries, please contact the Sports Funding Office at 2601 7411.