## Opening arrangements for LCSD recreation and sports facilities during Lunar New Year holidays

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) announced today (January 21) that its parks and playgrounds will remain open during the Lunar New Year holiday period.

However, 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 (February 5 to 7). 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 (February 4).

But for public convenience some sports centres, turf pitches, squash courts, tennis courts, the archery range at Ngau Chi Wan Park, the indoor bowling greens at Island East Sports Centre, the Green Education and Resources Centre at Kowloon Park, the Tuen Mun Recreation and Sports Centre and the Queen Elizabeth Stadium will reopen on the third day of the Lunar New Year (February 7). To use leisure facilities available on February 7, members of the public should make advance bookings between January 29 and February 4 (before 9pm) through Leisure Link Booking System. For details of facility booking service, please visit the Leisure Link website.

Leisure Link booking counters at venues will not operate when the venues are closed. For venues scheduled to reopen on February 7, the corresponding Leisure Link booking counters will provide enquiry service and handle bookings of the facilities at the venues concerned which are yet to be taken up on that 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 <u>department's website</u>.