

# Places of Amusement Licence Holders Subsidy Scheme open for application

The Places of Amusement Licence Holders Subsidy Scheme (the Scheme) is today (May 5) open for application, following the approval of the Anti-epidemic Fund (AEF) by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council. The Scheme provides a one-off subsidy of \$100,000 to billiard establishments, public bowling-alleys and public skating rinks operating with a licence issued under the Places of Amusement Regulation (Cap 132BA). It aims to provide immediate financial relief to the eligible licence holders whose businesses have been hard-hit by the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic and social distancing measures imposed by the Government.

Holders of a valid Places of Amusement Licence issued by the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services under the Places of Amusement Regulation (Cap 132BA) on March 28, 2020, are eligible for application. Eligible licence holders should submit their applications to the Licensing and Prosecution Unit under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. The deadline for application is May 30. Upon submission of the completed application form and supporting documents, the disbursement of subsidies could generally be made in around two weeks.

The application form and guidelines will be sent to each licence holder by mail or can be obtained from the Licensing and Prosecution Unit (address: 9/F, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters, 1-3 Pai Tau Street, Sha Tin, New Territories). For details, please contact the Licensing and Prosecution Unit at 2601 8799.