

Secretary for Home Affairs visits Victoria Park

The Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Caspar Tsui, today (February 8) visited Victoria Park in Causeway Bay and inspected the preparation work for the reopening of some outdoor leisure facilities of the park.

Accompanied by the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services, Mr Vincent Liu, Mr Tsui was briefed on the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)'s preparation work for the reopening of some outdoor leisure facilities and special measures including limiting the number of players permitted to stay in the courts/lanes and closing spectator stands, placing disinfectant carpets, providing alcohol-based handrub and stepping up cleaning measures at the venues. The LCSD has also arranged for staff members of relevant venues to undergo polymerase chain reaction nucleic acid tests for COVID-19 once every 14 days in order to safeguard the health of the public and staff.

"Members of the public who exercise in the reopened outdoor leisure facilities should take note of social distancing. The number of people in group gatherings should not be more than that as stipulated by the law and they must wear a mask before and after exercise. Members of the public are also required to scan the "LeaveHomeSafe" QR code or register their name and contact number and the date and time of the visit before being allowed to enter sports premises to be reopened. I thank LCSD staff for sparing no efforts in preparing outdoor leisure facilities for use by the public at ease as soon as possible," Mr Tsui said.

Mr Tsui reminded members of the public to download and install the "LeaveHomeSafe" mobile app in advance to avoid delaying their visits. Those who opt for registering their personal information on-site are reminded to arrive earlier to avoid delaying their visits as a longer time is required for such registration.

Outdoor leisure facilities to be reopened by the LCSD tomorrow (February 9) include running tracks in sports grounds (for jogging only), tennis courts, bowling greens, gateball courts, Ngau Chi Wan Park Archery Range, Shek O Obstacle Golf Course, cycling facilities, outdoor badminton courts, outdoor table tennis tables, and the sports climbing walls, archery range, golf driving range and practice greens at Tuen Mun Recreation and Sports Centre.

The public can book the fee-charging facilities above via the Internet Booking Service of Leisure Link. The Booking Office of the District Leisure Services Offices resumed operation today. Counter bookings and self-service kiosks at the above leisure venues will resume operation when the venues reopen tomorrow.