

Special arrangements at LCSD venues during Mid-Autumn Festival

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will extend opening hours and make special arrangements at some of its venues for the public to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival. Details are as follows:

October 1 (Mid-Autumn Festival)

Aldrich Bay Park (Eastern District)
– Water Feature and Fisherman Hut Pavilion
6.30am to 11pm (extended by half an hour)

October 1 and 2 (Mid-Autumn Festival and the day following Mid-Autumn Festival)

Hong Kong Velodrome Park (Sai Kung District)
– Artificial Lake
October 1: 6.30am to 2am (extended by three hours)
October 2: 6.30am to 1am (extended by two hours)

October 2 and 3 (the day following Mid-Autumn Festival and Saturday)

Central Lawn of Victoria Park (Wan Chai District)
Temporarily closed from 1am to 2am for cleaning operations

In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, the LCSD appealed to members of the public today (September 29) to observe regulations on the prohibition of group gatherings at the department's venues during the Mid-Autumn Festival holiday in order to reduce the chances of spreading the virus in the community. Furthermore, members of the public should not enter closed leisure facilities such as public beaches and barbecue sites. Members of the public are also not allowed to burn wax, fly sky lanterns or litter at LCSD's venues.

The LCSD will step up patrols at relevant venues and will call upon venue users to comply with the regulations on the prohibition of group gatherings of more than the number of people as stipulated by the law, and to observe the mask-wearing requirement in public places. Enforcement actions will be taken against any violation of the relevant regulations.

The spokesman reminded the public that according to the Prevention and Control of Disease (Prohibition on Group Gathering) Regulation (Cap. 599G), the number of persons currently allowed in group gatherings in public places

is four. In addition, pursuant to the Prevention and Control of Disease (Wearing of Mask) Regulation (Cap. 599I), a person must wear a mask at all times when the person is entering or present in a public place.

Members of the public may call the LCSD's hotline on 2414 5555 to report any wax burning or flying sky lantern cases, or other irregularities found at LCSD venues. Littering offenders will be issued with a fixed penalty notice with a fine of \$1,500, while those who burn wax, throw objects onto trees or fly sky lanterns may be prosecuted.