

Sports Premises Subsidy Scheme, Fitness Centre Subsidy Scheme and Sports and Recreational Sites Subsidy Scheme under Anti-epidemic Fund start to disburse subsidies

The Home Affairs Bureau has started disbursing subsidies to successful applicants under the Sports Premises Subsidy Scheme and the Fitness Centre Subsidy Scheme. As of today (January 28), over a thousand applications had been received for the two schemes, of which over 300 eligible applications have been approved, involving a subsidy of more than \$15 million.

The Government launched the Sports Premises Subsidy Scheme and the Fitness Centre Subsidy Scheme under the fifth round of the Anti-epidemic Fund to provide a one-off subsidy of \$50,000 to each eligible sports premise and fitness centre. The application deadlines of the Sports Premises Subsidy Scheme and the Fitness Centre Subsidy Scheme are February 16 and 28 respectively. Those who wish to apply for the subsidies should submit their applications as soon as possible. Application forms and guidelines can be downloaded from the Home Affairs Bureau's website below:

Sports Premises Subsidy Scheme:

www.hab.gov.hk/en/policy_responsibilities/fitness/aefv5spss.htm

Fitness Centre Subsidy Scheme:

www.hab.gov.hk/en/policy_responsibilities/fitness/aefv5.htm

In addition, the Home Affairs Bureau has also implemented the Sports and Recreational Sites Subsidy Scheme to provide financial subsidy to the operators of sports and recreational facilities on government sites. The Home Affairs Bureau has invited eligible operators to apply for the subsidy. The application deadline is February 16. As of today, 58 applications had been received. Among them, 55 eligible applications have been approved, involving a subsidy of \$2.75 million.