Sports Premises Subsidy Scheme, Fitness Centre Subsidy Scheme and Sports and Recreational Sites Subsidy Scheme under sixth round of Antiepidemic Fund disbursing subsidies

The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) has started disbursing subsidies to successful applicants under the Sports Premises Subsidy Scheme, the Fitness Centre Subsidy Scheme and the Sports and Recreational Sites Subsidy Scheme. The schemes are open for applications.

The HAB launched the Sports Premises Subsidy Scheme and the Fitness Centre Subsidy Scheme under the sixth round of the Anti-epidemic Fund to provide a one-off subsidy to operators of eligible sports premises and fitness centres respectively. The application period for both schemes started on February 22. As of today (March 7), over 1 000 applications have been received in total for the two schemes, of which over 370 eligible applications have been approved, involving a subsidy of more than \$37 million.

The application deadline for both schemes is March 21. Those who wish to apply for the subsidies should submit their applications as soon as possible. Relevant application forms and guidelines can be downloaded from the websites below:

Sports Premises Subsidy Scheme: www.hab.gov.hk/en/policy_responsibilities/fitness/aefv6spss.htm

Fitness Centre Subsidy Scheme: www.hab.gov.hk/en/policy_responsibilities/fitness/aefv6.htm

In addition, the HAB has also implemented the Sports and Recreational Sites Subsidy Scheme under the sixth round of the Anti-epidemic Fund to provide financial subsidy to operators of sports and recreational facilities on government sites. The HAB has invited eligible operators to apply for the subsidy. The application deadline is March 21. As of today, 28 applications have been received. Among them, nine applications have been approved, involving a subsidy of \$0.9 million.