

Sports Premises Subsidy Scheme to open for applications on January 17

The Sports Premises Subsidy Scheme launched under the fifth round of the Anti-epidemic Fund will open for applications on January 17. The Scheme aims to provide a one-off subsidy of \$50,000 to each sports premises with a view to easing their cash flow pressure and alleviating their financial burden arising from their closure starting from January 7 as directed under the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F).

The deadline for application is February 16. Applications will be processed concurrently within the application period and will be assessed on the basis of the information provided. To avoid delay in processing, applicants should ensure the completeness and accuracy of the information submitted.

For enquiries concerning the Scheme and the application procedure, please call 3509 7061 or send an email to spss_enquiry@hab.gov.hk. The application form and guidelines can be downloaded from the website of the Home Affairs Bureau (www.hab.gov.hk/en/policy_responsibilities/fitness/aefv5spss.htm).

According to the Regulation and the Application Guidelines of the Scheme, eligible sports premises must possess a fixed address and an individually operated premises in Hong Kong where its principal and substantive business is to provide sporting activities as promoted by the respective "national sports associations" or sports organisations recognised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department.