## Additional grant to registered sports coaches from Anti-epidemic Fund

A spokesman for the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) said today (January 17) that the One-off Grant to Registered Sports Coaches scheme, relaunched under the Anti-epidemic Fund, will be open for application from January 20 (Thursday). The scheme will provide a one-off grant of \$5,000 for each eligible registered sports coach.

Due to the deteriorating COVID-19 epidemic situation in early January, the Government further tightened up the social distancing measures. LCSD facilities were temporarily closed again starting from January 7. As a result, many sports training activities that relied on the provision of LCSD facilities were suspended again. The one-off grant scheme aims to further provide timely financial relief to eligible registered sports coaches.

Sports coaches registered under National Sports Associations or recognised sports organisations who had provided coaching services from January 1 to December 31, 2021, are eligible to apply. They can submit applications to the Sports Funding Office of the LCSD by February 28. The grant will be disbursed in batches from February after receipt of the completed application form and relevant documents.

The application form and guidelines of the scheme will be available from the LCSD website (<a href="www.lcsd.gov.hk">www.lcsd.gov.hk</a>) and the 18 District Leisure Services Offices of the LCSD from January 20. Please call 2601 7473 for enquiries.