

Club-house Subsidy Scheme opens for application

The Club-house Subsidy Scheme opened for application today (December 28), following the approval of the fourth round of the Anti-epidemic Fund by the Legislative Council Finance Committee. The Scheme aims to provide immediate financial relief to Certificate of Compliance (CoC) holders whose businesses have been directly affected by the anti-epidemic and social distancing measures imposed by the Government. The Scheme provides a subsidy of \$100,000 to eligible holders of a valid CoC issued under the Clubs (Safety of Premises) Ordinance (Cap. 376), and an additional subsidy of \$50,000 for CoC holders who also operate karaoke establishments, nightclubs or bars/pubs in their clubhouse premises.

Existing holders of CoCs with validity falling within any period since November 26, 2020, when the relevant directions issued pursuant to the Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation (Cap. 599F) are in effect may apply for the subsidy. Eligible CoC holders should submit their applications to the Office of the Licensing Authority (OLA) under the Home Affairs Department. The deadline for application is January 28, 2021. Upon submission of the completed application form and supporting documents, the disbursement of subsidies could generally be made in around two weeks.

The application form and guidelines can be downloaded from the website of the OLA (www.hadla.gov.hk) or obtained from the office of the OLA (address: 10/F, 14 Taikoo Wan Road, Taikoo Shing, Hong Kong). For details, please contact the OLA at 3620 3062 or visit the website of the OLA.