

# Fitness Centre Subsidy Scheme to open for applications on January 20

The Fitness Centre Subsidy Scheme launched under the fifth round of the Anti-epidemic Fund will open for applications on January 20. The Scheme aims to provide a one-off subsidy of \$50,000 to each fitness centre 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 28. Applications will be processed concurrently during the application period and will be assessed on the basis of all the information provided. To avoid delays in processing, applicants should ensure the accuracy of the information submitted.

The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) has commissioned the Physical Fitness Association of Hong Kong, China to assist in the implementation of the Scheme. For enquiries concerning the Scheme and the application procedure, please call 2389 3538 or send an email to [subsidy5.0@hkpfa.org.hk](mailto:subsidy5.0@hkpfa.org.hk). The application form and guidelines can be downloaded from the website of the HAB ([www.hab.gov.hk/en/policy\\_responsibilities/fitness/aefv5.htm](http://www.hab.gov.hk/en/policy_responsibilities/fitness/aefv5.htm)).

According to the Regulation and the Application Guidelines of the Scheme, eligible fitness centres must possess a fixed address and an individually operated premises in Hong Kong where its principal and substantive business is to provide exercise machines or equipment in the premises for use, and/or to give advice and instruction on, training for or assistance in improving physical fitness, including bodybuilding, dancing, yoga, pilates, body stretching and martial arts.