

SHA meets sector representatives on enhancing the “Anti-epidemic Support Scheme for Property Management Sector” (with photo)

The Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Lau Kong-wah, today (April 9) met the representatives from the property management (PM), cleansing and security sectors to listen to their suggestions on the enhancement of the "Anti-epidemic Support Scheme for Property Management Sector" (ASPM) under the "Anti-epidemic Fund".

Legislative Council Member for Architectural, Surveying, Planning and Landscape Constituency and the Chairman of the Property Management Services Authority (PMSA), Mr Tony Tse; the President of the Hong Kong Association of Property Management Companies, Dr Johnnie Chan; the Convenor of the Hong Kong Services Trade Alliance, Dr Mickey Yan; the President of the Hong Kong Institute of Registered Security Trainers, Mr Justin Wong; member of the PMSA Mr Dick Kwok; the Chairman of Property and Facility Management Division of the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors, Sr Kays Wong; the Chairman of the Hong Kong Security Association, Mr John Li, and the Chairman of Chamber of Security Industry, Mr Johnny Ho, attended the meeting.

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Mr Lau thanked the sectors for their support to the ASPM. "With the development of the epidemic situation, the frontline PM workers assisting in cleansing and security work in industrial buildings, commercial buildings and shopping malls have also been facing greater public health challenges, and their workload has significantly increased. With a view to benefitting more frontline PM workers and giving recognition to their committed services in this critical period, we are planning to expand the scope of the ASPM to cover industrial buildings, commercial buildings and shopping malls. We will work out the details of the extension taking into account the characteristics of these properties and the principles of 'quick disbursement of funds', 'simplicity' and 'better loose than tight', and will announce the details as soon as practicable," said Mr Lau.

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As of April 9, the PMSA, which has been commissioned to implement the ASPM, has received around 5 500 applications, of which around 925 applications have been approved, involving subsidies of around \$29,000,000 and benefiting around 9 600 building blocks and 6 500 frontline PM workers. Please refer to the website of the PMSA (www.pmsahk.org.hk/en/index.html) for the name of the properties for which applications have been approved.

The application deadline for the ASPM is April 15. Eligible PM companies and owners' organisations which have not applied are reminded to submit their applications to the PMSA as soon as practicable. For details on the ASPM, please contact the PMSA at 3696 1156 or 3696 1166, or visit the website of

the PMSA.

