

Special arrangements at LCSD venues during Mid-Autumn Festival

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) reminded today (September 24) that the department will extend opening hours and make special arrangements at some of its venues for the public to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival.

In the wake of the adverse impact brought about by Tropical Cyclone Mangkhut, which has led to various levels of damage to facilities and trees at many LCSD venues, the department has made an assessment and anticipated that the clearance work at these venues would not be completed before the Mid-Autumn Festival. They include all gazetted public beaches (including ancillary barbecue facilities) and a number of land-based venues in various districts, which are not suitable for activities relating to the Mid-Autumn Festival (September 24 and 25). The list of such venues can be found in the Annex.

As the LCSD is making great efforts to conduct clearance and repair work at the venues affected under its management, the department urges the public not to go near or enter the cordoned-off areas in these venues for the sake of safety.

Details of extended opening hours and special arrangements for selected venues during the Mid-Autumn Festival period are as follows:

September 24 and 25 (Mid-Autumn Festival and the day following Mid-Autumn Festival)

Jordan Valley Park (Kwun Tong District)

September 24: 5am to 1am

(extended by two hours)

September 25: 5am to 11.30pm

(extended by half an hour)

September 24 (Mid-Autumn Festival)

Hong Kong Park (Central and Western District)

– Outdoor facilities

6am to midnight (extended by one hour)

Hong Kong Zoological and Botanical Gardens (Central and Western District)

– Fountain Terrace Garden

5am to midnight (extended by two hours)

Aldrich Bay Park (Eastern District)

– Water Feature and Fisherman Hut Pavilion

6.30am to 11.30pm (extended by one hour)

Ngau Chi Wan Park (Wong Tai Sin District)
6.30am to midnight (extended by one hour)

Tsing Yi Park (Kwai Tsing District)
5.30am to midnight (extended by half an hour)

Tsing Yi Northeast Park (Kwai Tsing District)
5.30am to midnight (extended by half an hour)

North District Park (North District)
6am to midnight (extended by one hour)

Hong Kong Velodrome Park (Sai Kung District)
– Artificial Lake
6.30am to 1am (extended by two hours)

September 25 (the day following Mid-Autumn Festival)

Central Lawn of Victoria Park (Wan Chai District)
Temporarily closed from 2am to 5am for cleaning operations

The LCSD appeals to the public to keep places clean and tidy, take away their belongings while leaving the venues and put trash into litter box, and not to burn wax or fly sky lanterns when celebrating the Mid-Autumn Festival.

"To provide a better environment for members of the public to enjoy the festive occasion, we appeal to them not to burn or melt wax. They should not sprinkle or pour liquids onto hot wax. Metal cans or non-flammable containers should be used to collect melted wax for easy disposal into litter bins after the containers cool down," a spokesman for the LCSD said.

"Moreover, members of the public should not throw glow sticks or other objects onto trees, as doing so may cause damage to the trees and affect the cleanliness of venues. Furthermore, they should not fly sky lanterns as it might cause injuries or damage to property."

Noting that a new set of [television](#) and [radio](#) Announcements in the Public Interest has been launched to make similar public appeals, the spokesman said patrols will also be stepped up at the department's venues today. About 1 000 staff will be deployed to take enforcement action against littering, wax burning, throwing objects onto trees and flying sky lanterns on these two nights. Littering offenders will be issued with a fixed penalty notice with a fine of \$1,500, while those who burn wax, throw objects onto trees or fly sky lanterns might be prosecuted.

According to the Pleasure Grounds Regulation, no person shall, in any pleasure ground, melt or burn any wax; sprinkle or pour any liquid onto any hot wax; damage any part of any tree, shrub or plant; or fly kites, model aircraft, balloons, sky lanterns or other devices. According to the Bathing Beaches Regulation, no person shall, on any bathing beach, do any act which is likely to endanger or obstruct any other person using the beach, or

damage, deface or pollute the beach or anything situated thereon. Any person who is convicted is liable to a maximum fine of \$2,000 and 14 days' imprisonment.

Members of the public may call the LCSD's hotline on 2414 5555 to report any wax burning or flying sky lantern cases, or other irregularities found at LCSD venues.