

Subsidies for owners of fishing vessels or fish collector vessels with Mainland deckhands open for application

To assist the fisheries industry to tackle the financial difficulties arising from the COVID-19 epidemic, the Government will provide subsidies to owners of fishing vessels or fish collector vessels with Mainland deckhands under the Anti-epidemic Fund.

Details of the subsidies are as follows:

- (i) \$200,000 for each vessel of 25 meters or above in length; and
- (ii) \$80,000 for each vessel of less than 25 meters in length.

Application forms can be downloaded from the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) website (www.afcd.gov.hk/english/whatsnew/what_fis/what_fis.html). The starting date for receiving applications is March 5. Applicants should submit the completed application forms together with copies of the required documents by mail to the Fisheries Enforcement and Special Projects Division of AFCD at 8/F of Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon; or drop-in boxes at the Aberdeen, Castle Peak, and Shau Kei Wan Wholesale Fish Markets under the Fish Marketing Organization. The deadline for application is April 17. Vessel owners who are not in Hong Kong can authorise an agent to handle their applications.

Subsidies will be disbursed to successful applicants as soon as possible.

For more details, please contact the department at 2150 7100 or 2150 7108, or view the department's website (www.afcd.gov.hk).