

Swimming pool complexes to open from April 1 for new swimming season

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) announced today (March 31) that for the upcoming swimming season, public swimming pool complexes will progressively open for public use from April 1 or upon completion of annual maintenance. Swimmers should mind their safety, care for themselves and others, and keep the swimming pools clean and hygienic while enjoying the fun of swimming.

From April to October, LCSD swimming pools will open daily from 6.30am to 10pm in three sessions with two one-hour breaks. Mui Wo Swimming Pool will open daily from 8.30am to 6pm in two sessions (and in one session from 7pm to 10pm on Fridays (Note 1)). Maintenance works are being carried out at Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool, which is temporarily closed.

For the 18 pool complexes with heated and non-heated swimming facilities, the heated facilities will continue to open from April 1 to 15. The non-heated facilities will open for public use from April 16.

The 18 swimming pool complexes are:

Hong Kong Island:

<u>District</u>	<u>Swimming Pool Complex</u>
Central and Western	Kennedy Town Swimming Pool
Wan Chai	Morrison Hill Swimming Pool

Kowloon:

<u>District</u>	<u>Swimming Pool Complex</u>
Kowloon City	Ho Man Tin Swimming Pool
Wong Tai Sin	Hammer Hill Road Swimming Pool
	Morse Park Swimming Pool
Kwun Tong	Kwun Tong Swimming Pool
Sham Shui Po	Lai Chi Kok Park Swimming Pool
Yau Tsim Mong	Kowloon Park Swimming Pool

New Territories:

<u>District</u>	<u>Swimming Pool Complex</u>
Islands	Tung Chung Swimming Pool

North	Fanling Swimming Pool
Sha Tin	Hin Tin Swimming Pool
	Sha Tin Jockey Club Swimming Pool
Tsuen Wan	Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool
Tuen Mun	Tuen Mun Swimming Pool
	Tuen Mun North West Swimming Pool
Yuen Long	Yuen Long Swimming Pool (Note 2)
	Tin Sau Road Swimming Pool
Sai Kung	Tseung Kwan O Swimming Pool

To maintain the hygiene of public swimming pools, each pool will be closed for thorough cleaning once a week, in addition to the regular daily cleaning. The thorough cleaning will be conducted on a designated weekday (Monday to Friday) from 10am to the end of the second session. If the designated day falls on a public holiday, the cleaning will be rescheduled to another weekday in the same week.

Individual swimming pools to be temporarily closed in specified periods in 2025 for maintenance works are set out in the Annex.

To foster a clean environment for public swimming pools, swimmers should maintain personal hygiene and observe the pool rules, including the following points:

- (a) Swimmers should shower before entering the pool deck;
- (b) Swimmers should walk through the shower bath and footbath;
- (c) Swimmers should not go swimming if they feel unwell and should seek medical consultation early;
- (d) Swimmers are advised to use the toilet before swimming and should NOT urinate or defecate in the pools. They should leave the water immediately and use the toilet if they have to vomit; and
- (e) Parents should teach their children about the importance of maintaining personal and public hygiene.

Holders of public swimming pool monthly tickets are encouraged to apply for monthly ticket smart cards, which are printed with the card holder's photo and preloaded with information on the validity period. The smart cards enable holders to enter the pools easily and conveniently without having to produce documentary proof of identity. Interested monthly ticket holders can apply for smart cards free of charge. For details, please visit the following website: www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/beach/swim-intro/swim-ticket.html.

For details of the opening arrangements and the schedule of the weekly cleaning operations of public swimming pools, please visit the following website: www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/beach/swim-intro/swimlocation.html.

Note 1: Mui Wo Swimming Pool will open from 8.30am to 6pm in two sessions on April 4 and April 18 (public holiday).

Note 2: Yuen Long Swimming Pool will be temporarily closed from April 10 to 15 for upgrading works of the electricity supply system.