

Scheme on Relief Grants for Interest Class Instructors Hired by Organisations Subvented by the Social Welfare Department opens for application

The Social Welfare Department (SWD) said today (May 15) that the Scheme on Relief Grants for Interest Class Instructors Hired by Organisations Subvented by the Social Welfare Department is open for application from today for one month, with June 15 as the closing date. Application details have been uploaded to the SWD website. Completed application forms are to be submitted to the SWD through the subvented welfare service units concerned.

As one of the measures of the second round of the Anti-epidemic Fund, the Scheme aims at providing relief grants to eligible interest class instructors hired by subvented welfare service units of SWD-subvented organisations such as youth centres, elderly centres, community centres and rehabilitation centres, where the units' services have been suspended and the instructors' income affected owing to coronavirus disease 2019, so as to help lessen the impact of the pandemic on them.

A one-off relief grant of \$7,500 will be provided for each of the eligible interest class instructors engaged or planned to be engaged by subvented welfare service units of SWD-subvented organisations for providing training in arts, dancing, handicraft work and sports, etc, for service users during the period from February to August 2020. For those instructors who have submitted applications to the Education Bureau for relief grants for school instructors of learning/interest classes or to the Leisure and Cultural Services Department for relief grants for registered sports coaches, further submission to the SWD is not required.

Special sale arrangements for monthly parking tickets of seven government car parks managed by TD for June

To reduce the risk of the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the community, the Transport Department (TD) said today (May 15) that special arrangements will continue to be implemented at the seven government

car parks under the management of the TD for the sale of monthly tickets for June.

"The existing holders of a monthly ticket for private car/van, motorcycle or taxi for May can purchase a monthly ticket for the same vehicle type for June with priority. These eligible monthly ticket holders have to complete the procedures for purchasing the monthly ticket for June by 9pm on May 22 at the shroff office of the car park concerned. Any such person who fails to purchase the monthly ticket before the above deadline will be regarded as having given up his or her right to purchase the monthly ticket for June. The unsold monthly tickets for private car/van for June will be sold at the shroff offices of the car parks concerned on a first-come, first-served basis from 7.30am on May 23, while the unsold monthly tickets for motorcycle and taxi for June will be sold at the shroff offices from 7.30am on May 24," a spokesman for the TD said.

The seven government car parks are Star Ferry Car Park, City Hall Car Park, Tin Hau Car Park, Shau Kei Wan Car Park, Aberdeen Car Park, Kwai Fong Car Park and Tsuen Wan Car Park.

The car park operators will put up notices in the car parks in advance to inform motorists of the above special arrangements.

The spokesman particularly reminded car park users that subject to the latest situation of COVID-19, the TD will consider reverting to the sale of monthly tickets on a first-come first-served basis at an appropriate juncture, or adopting balloting temporarily for the sale of monthly tickets, having regard to the physical conditions and parking situations of the car parks concerned. Car park users are advised to pay attention to the announcement of the TD.

Proposed road works in To Kwa Wan gazetted

The Government gazetted today (May 15) the proposed road works at Wan On Street, Wan Lok Street, Wan Hing Street, Wan Fat Street, Wan Tat Street, Wing Kwong Street, Bailey Street, Kai Ming Street, Hung Fook Street and Ngan Hon Street in To Kwa Wan, which are required to serve the redevelopment project of the Urban Renewal Authority.

Details of the proposal are set out in the Annex. The plan and scheme of the works are available for public inspection at the following government offices during office hours:

Central and Western Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,

G/F, Harbour Building,
38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong

Kowloon City Home Affairs Enquiry Centre,
LG/F, Kowloon City Government Offices,
42 Bailey Street, Hung Hom, Kowloon

District Lands Office, Kowloon East and Kowloon West,
4/F, South Tower, West Kowloon Government Offices,
11 Hoi Ting Road, Yau Ma Tei, Kowloon

The gazette notice, scheme, plan and location plan will be available at www.thb.gov.hk/eng/psp/publications/transport/gazette/gazette.htm.

Any person who wishes to object to the works or the use, or both, is required to address to the Secretary for Transport and Housing an objection in writing, which can be submitted via the following means:

- By post or by hand to the Transport and Housing Bureau's drop-in box No. 6 located at the entrance on 2/F, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong. The box is available for use between 8am and 7pm from Monday to Friday (except public holidays);
- By fax to 2868 4643; or
- By email to gazettethb@thb.gov.hk.

A notice of objection should describe the objector's interest and the manner in which he or she alleges that he or she will be affected by the works or the use. Objectors are requested to provide contact details to facilitate communication. A notice of objection should be delivered to the Secretary for Transport and Housing not later than July 14, 2020.

[General holidays for 2021 published](#)

The following list of general holidays for 2021 was gazetted today (May 15) for public information:

Every Sunday	Sunday
The first day of January	January 1 Friday
Lunar New Year's Day	February 12 Friday
The second day of Lunar New Year	February 13 Saturday
The fourth day of Lunar New Year	February 15 Monday
Good Friday	April 2 Friday
The day following Good Friday	April 3 Saturday

The day following Ching Ming Festival	April 5	Monday
The day following Easter Monday	April 6	Tuesday
Labour Day	May 1	Saturday
Birthday of the Buddha	May 19	Wednesday
Tuen Ng Festival	June 14	Monday
Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Establishment Day	July 1	Thursday
The day following the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival	September 22	Wednesday
National Day	October 1	Friday
Chung Yeung Festival	October 14	Thursday
Christmas Day	December 25	Saturday
The first weekday after Christmas Day	December 27	Monday

A Government spokesman said, "As the third day of the Lunar New Year in 2021 falls on a Sunday, the fourth day of the Lunar New Year is designated as a general holiday in substitution. Furthermore, as the Ching Ming Festival in 2021 falls on a Sunday, the following day will be designated as a general holiday in substitution. However, as the day following the Ching Ming Festival and Easter Monday fall on the same day, the next day that is not itself a general holiday will be observed as an additional general holiday. With regard to the proposal for gradually increasing the number of statutory holidays, we need to make an objective assessment of the financial burden on employers brought about by the proposal and its impact on society and the economy, and more. After completing the analysis, we will submit it to the Labour Advisory Board for discussion this year."

[Deployment of artificial reefs in waters between Tai A Chau and Siu A Chau proposed](#)

The Government intends to deploy a few sets of artificial reefs within an area of approximately 0.35 hectare of foreshore and seabed in the waters between Tai A Chau and Siu A Chau to provide artificial marine habitats for marine and fisheries resources enhancement. The extent of the area of foreshore and seabed affected is described in a notice published in the [Government Gazette](#) today (May 15).

The proposed works are tentatively scheduled to commence in 2021 for completion in 2022.

The notice and its related plan are posted near the site. The plan is

also available for inspection at:

- * Survey and Mapping Office of the Lands Department (23/F, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong), where copies can be purchased on order;
- * Islands District Office (20/F, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, Hong Kong); and
- * Lands Department's website (www.landsd.gov.hk) under Government Notices.

Any person who considers that he or she has an interest, right or easement in or over the foreshore and seabed involved may submit a written objection to the Director of Lands, 20/F, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong, within two months from the above-mentioned date, i.e. on or before July 15. The notice of such an objection shall describe the interest, right or easement of the objector and the manner in which he or she will be allegedly affected.