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來函檔號 YOUR REF:

3 August 2023

Sir / Madam
(foi+request-1384-9220a456@accessinfo.hk)

Dear Sir / Madam,

Code on Access to Information
Re: Application No. 118/2023

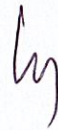
I refer to your application dated 24 July 2023 to the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau (FSTB) requesting for information relating to the Budget documents. FSTB has referred your request concerning restrictions in the Hong Kong Public Libraries to this Department on 26 July 2023 for follow up. The relevant section has provided the following reply to your application –

For the sake of maintaining the order of libraries and safeguarding public interest in using library services and facilities without disturbance, photo-taking and filming are not allowed inside public libraries unless authorisation is granted in advance. The prohibition aims primarily to protect the privacy of library users and staff as well as to avoid nuisance being caused to others. Please also note that copying by taking any photographs, films, audio or visual recordings or other means is a restricted act under the Copyright Ordinance (Cap. 528). Library users must obtain specific authorisation from the copyright owner to perform any act restricted by copyright in library materials.

Generally, readers can make use of the self-service photocopier provided in library for making copies of library materials at a charge and they must comply with the Copyright Ordinance (Cap. 528).

For enquiries related to the Code on Access to Information, please contact Ms KONG, Executive Officer (General) 2, at 2601 8011.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L. LAU', written in a cursive style.

(Ms Loletta LAU)
for Director of Leisure and Cultural Services