The GovWiFi Programme

The Government has launched the GovWiFi Programme which will provide free Wi-Fi facilities for the public at about 350 government premises. You can now enjoy the convenience of accessing wireless internet services in government premises for business, studies or leisure.

As at June 2009, the free service is available at more than 120 government premises. The service will be progressively rolled out to another 230 government premises by mid-2009.

Where is GovWiFi?

The GovWiFi facilities are spread across all 18 districts over the territory including the following types of premises:

• Community Halls and Centres
• Cultural and Recreational Centres including Hong Kong City Hall, Town Hall, Tuen Mun Town Hall, Hung Hom City Cultural Centre, Kowloon Tong Theatre and Shu Tin Town Hall
• Government Joint-User Buildings
• Hong Kong – Macau / China Ferry Terminals
• Indoor Food Markets and Centres
• Job Centres
• Licensing Offices and Vehicle Examination Centres of Transport Department
• Museums
• Offices of Immigration Department
• Parks and Gardens including Victoria Park, Hong Kong Park, Kowloon Park, Morrison Park, Kowloon Walled City Park, Visitor Centre of Hong Kong Wetland Park, Statue Square, Chater Garden and Bird Garden
• Piazza/Beach/Waterfront Mart including Hong Kong Cultural Centre Piazza, Tsim Sha Tsui Promenade, Repulse Bay Beach and Stanley Waterfront Mart
• Public Enquiry Service Centres
• Public Libraries
• Sports Centres

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Sports Grounds including Wan Chai Sports Ground and Sai Wan Sports Ground
Stadiums including Hong Kong Coliseum and Queen Elizabeth Stadium
Visitor Centres of Country Parks
Other Government Offices including Office of Student Financial Assistance Agency, Integrated Family Service Centres of Social Welfare Department, Textile Licensing Branch – Customer Service Centre & Central Registration Office of Trade and Industry Department, Health Education Exhibition and Resource Centre of Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and Offices of Legal Aid Department.

You can use the GovWiFi Locator in the GovWiFi website (www.gov.hk/wifi) to find out more information about the premises.

1) Select a district
2) Specify a location
3) The Locator will show the service hours and Wi-Fi coverage.

Note: There is security risk in using unencrypted connection.

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To Connect to GovWiFi:

Network ID (SSID)

Encrypted connection – freegovwifi-e
Unencrypted connection – freegovwifi

You can verify that you are connecting to the GovWiFi service by clicking “Verify Service” in the GovWiFi landing page. Please check that a closed lock icon ( ) is shown on the browser, and verify that the certification is issued by “Hong Kong Post e-Cert CA 1” to the domain “FreeGovWiFi.hk”.

Simple Connection Procedures

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