# Sai Kung District Council Housing and Environmental Hygiene Committee SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 9/16

**Information Paper** 

# Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Achievements of the Sai Kung District 2016 Year-end Clean-up

#### **Purpose**

To inform Members of the achievements of the 2016 Year-end Clean-up launched in the district.

#### **Background**

2. To usher in the "Year of the Monkey", the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) launched a large-scale territory-wide Year-end Clean-up. The 21-day event from 15 January to 4 February 2016 was one of the major activities to improve the cleanliness of our living environment.

## **Year-end Clean-up**

- 3. To cope with the tradition of the lunar year-end clean-up, the event was launched in three phases as follows
  - (a) Phase I (from 15 to 21 January 2016)

It involved cleansing of public markets, cooked food centres and hawker bazaars. These venues in the district were thoroughly cleansed and mosquito and rodent control measures were also carried out simultaneously. The Department has also encouraged stall operators to pitch in and clean up their stalls;

# (b) Phase II (from 22 to 28 January 2016)

The district was divided into 7 sections for cleansing, mosquito and

rodent control operations targeting at old tenement buildings, streets, backlanes, common parts of buildings, village houses, building sites, vacant sites and road works sites; and

#### (c) Phase III (from 29 January to 4 February 2016)

All areas covered in Phases I and II were cleansed again to ensure complete cleanliness of the district.

4. Members were informed of the details of the above event vide HEHC Paper circulated in this January.

### Achievements of the Year-end Clean-up

5. Achievements of the Year-end Clean-up launched in the district are set out at **Annex**.

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## Sai Kung District Environmental Hygiene Office Achievements of 2016 Year-end Clean-up

Achievements of the 2016 Year-end Clean-up carried out by the Sai Kung District Environmental Hygiene Office of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department are as follows –

- 1. A total of 148 tonnes of junk were collected in 21 clean-up operations.
- 2. Enhanced cleansing services and control measures on mosquitoes and rodents were conducted at 2 markets, 22 streets and 6 lanes, 5 refuse collection points, 59 public toilets and 1 bathhouse in the district.
- 3. 18 intensive mosquito control operations were mounted. A total of 41 tenement buildings, 4097 village houses, 40 private housing estates, 120 schools, 26 building sites, 12 vacant sites and 2 hospitals were inspected. 1033 mosquito breeding/potential breeding places were eliminated with the issue of 76 verbal warnings.
- 4. To enhance anti-rodent and other anti-pest measures, a total of 167 rodent baits were placed in public areas and 19 rodent/fly breeding places were eliminated.
- 5. During inspections to identified places which included 22 streets, 6 lanes and common parts of 41 buildings, a total of 2 notices to clear litter or nuisance notices were issued. Among them, 1 notice was issued to owners or occupiers of the premises concerned to require the removal of waste in location within 6 m of their premises and 1 notice was issued to occupiers to require the removal of refuse on their canopies.
- 6. During the clean-up operations, a total of 725 pieces of illegal bills and posters were removed.
- 7. Prosecution was stepped up against hawking irregularities and illegal hawking activities. A total of 6 verbal warnings, 5 arrests, 6 summonses and 5 seizures were taken out.

- 8. Enforcement action was stepped up against irregularities found in markets. A total of 35 verbal warnings were given.
- 9. Strengthened enforcement action was taken against littering offenders. A total of 22 fixed penalty notices were issued [including 17 on littering, 2 on spitting, 3 on illegal display of bills or posters].
- 10. Stepped-up enforcement action was taken against those who had breached the Public Cleansing and Prevention of Nuisances Regulation. A total of 10 verbal warnings were given.
- 11. Enforcement action was stepped up against operators of unlicensed food premises. Stringent enforcement action was also taken against the operators of licensed food premises for breaching the Food Business Regulation. A total of 5 verbal warnings were given and 5 summonses taken out.