Sai Kung District Council Housing and Environmental Hygiene Committee SKDC(HEHC) Paper No. 31/18

Information Paper

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Achievements of the Sai Kung District 2018 Year-end Clean-up

Purpose

To inform Members of the achievements of the 2018 Year-end Clean-up launched in the district.

Background

2. To usher in the "Year of the Dog", the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) launched a large-scale territory-wide Year-end Clean-up. The 21-day event from 22 January to 11 February 2018 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 22 to 28 January 2018)

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 29 January to 4 February 2018)

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 5 to 11 February 2018)

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 SKDC(HEHC) Paper No.144/17.

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 2018 Year-end Clean-up

Achievements of the 2018 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 132 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, 6 lanes, 3 public carparks, 5 refuse collection points and 57 public toilets in the district.
- 3. 21 intensive mosquito control operations were mounted. A total of 41 tenement buildings, 4,109 village houses, 47 private housing estates, 120 schools, 20 building sites, 12 vacant sites and 2 hospitals were inspected. 1,077 mosquito breeding/potential breeding places were eliminated with the issue of 82 verbal warnings. Besides, 1 prosecution was taken out.
- 4. To enhance anti-rodent and other anti-pest measures, a total of 150 rodent baits were placed in public areas and 22 rodent/fly breeding places were eliminated.
- 5. During inspections to identified places which included 22 streets, 6 lanes and common parts of 47 buildings, a total of 3 notices to clear litter or nuisance notices were issued. Among them, 2 notices were 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 an occupier to require the removal of refuse on a canopy.
- 6. During the clean-up operations, a total of 752 pieces of illegal bills and posters were removed.
- 7. Prosecution was stepped up against hawking irregularities and illegal hawking activities.

- 8. Enforcement action was stepped up against irregularities found in markets. A total of 28 verbal warnings were given.
- 9. Strengthened enforcement action was taken against littering offenders. A total of 43 fixed penalty notices were issued [including 33 on littering (with 1 on feeding of pigeons or other feral birds causing dirtiness in public places), 3 on spitting, 7 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 12 verbal warnings were given and 1 summons taken out.
- 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 15 verbal warnings were given and 11 summonses taken out.
- 12. Two promotional activities on Year-end Clean-up Operation were conducted on 26 and 29 January 2018 at Sai Kung town centre (including Sai Kung Market) and Tsueng Kwan O area (in the vicinities of Po Lam Station, Tseung Kwan O Station and Hang Hau Station) respectively. Members of Sai Kung District Council, representatives of Sai Kung Rural Committee and Sai Kung District Office were invited to participate and deliver promotional leaflets and souvenirs to citizens.