

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Strategies and Tasks on Improving the Environmental Hygiene in Hong Kong

Purpose

This paper highlights for Members' information the major tasks undertaken by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) in 2009-10 as well as the strategies and actions to be taken in 2010-11 to maintain and improve the environmental hygiene in Hong Kong.

Review of the Major Tasks in 2009-10

2. During the year, FEHD continued its efforts in providing a clean and hygienic living environment for the public. Apart from providing cleansing services in public places / venues and carrying out monitoring and enforcement actions, we were working with the public to enhance environmental hygiene through public education and publicity. Details of the tasks conducted / completed by the Department are set out in paragraphs 3 to 21 below.

Mosquito and Rodent Control

3. In recent years, there has been growing concern among the public about the problem of mosquito infestation and vector-borne diseases such as dengue fever and Japanese encephalitis. FEHD implements a series of control measures every year. In addition to the in-house staff, service contractors are engaged to step up the mosquito and pest control work to prevent the spread of diseases and protect public health.

4. Thanks to the efforts of the Anti-mosquito Task Force in the district as well as the active involvement of District Councils, other organisations and the public, the overall problem of mosquito infestation was effectively put under control last year. No local cases of dengue fever and Japanese encephalitis were recorded.

5. Under Section 27 of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132), the management body of the premises is legally liable for the breeding of mosquitoes. Last year, 16 prosecutions were taken out against management bodies and owners of the premises by application of the provision.

Enhancing Environmental Hygiene Standards

6. Our staff and cleansing service contractors are responsible for the daily sweeping / cleansing of streets, collection of household waste and management of public toilets and refuse collection points. FEHD will continue to provide focused cleansing services to areas with such a need, e.g. posting toilet attendants at toilets with higher utility rate and providing roving cleansing team services at some bin sites and aqua privies in the New Territories.

7. FEHD is responsible for the management of about 530 public toilets and over 310 aqua privies in Hong Kong. To improve the local public sanitary facilities, FEHD upgraded 13 water closets and 4 aqua privies, and converted 78 aqua privies (24 of them in this district) into flushing toilets last year.

8. To combat public cleanliness offences, FEHD issued over 34 000 Fixed Penalty Notices, over 80% of which were related to littering, during the year. We will, in accordance with the arrangement as formulated in the Report of Team Clean, continue to improve environmental hygiene at the district level and take part in relevant inter-departmental activities.

9. To prevent deterioration of the situation with regard to the placing of easy-mount frames on pavements, FEHD has rolled out a new enforcement strategy in nine districts since October 2008 after seeking legal advice and securing the support of the District Councils concerned. Under the strategy, all easy-mount frames, placards and similar paraphernalia used for the unauthorised display of bills and posters in public places will be removed, together with the bills and posters themselves, as evidence of contravention of Section 104A of the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap.132). The ground situation has improved noticeably following the trial. The enforcement strategy put into force in this district since June 2009 has shown prominent effect. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the District Council for its full support and will continue to crack down on the activities.

Regulatory Control of Food Premises

10. Last year, there were over 22 000 licensed food premises in Hong Kong. For better allocation of resources in monitoring the hygiene condition of food premises, FEHD determined the frequency of inspection of food premises on the basis of their potential risk level. In addition, for greater flexibility and efficiency in monitoring, we mounted ad hoc enforcement operations in different districts during different seasons. Last year, we took out 4 295 prosecutions against law-breaking licensed food premises. Suspension / cancellation of licence was imposed to 164 premises and 10 premises respectively for repeated contraventions of legal requirements / breaches of licensing requirements or conditions.

11. To further enhance protection for public health, especially against the highly contagious *Vibrio cholerae*, the Food Business Regulation was amended in May 2009 to prohibit extraction of seawater from specified areas for keeping live seafood for sale for human consumption. The new regulation will become effective on 1 August 2010. Moreover, FEHD will continue to implement the Hygiene Manager and Hygiene Supervisor Scheme for the food business with a view to enhancing food business employees' awareness of food safety and environmental hygiene and observance of relevant measures so as to raise the hygiene level of the food business.

12. The Department also focused much of its effort in cracking down, at the retail level, on the sale of problem meat obtained from illegal sources. Our staff were always on the lookout for intelligence leading to blitz operations against the illegal activities. If there was sufficient evidence substantiating the illegal practices of meat shops or market stalls, their licences / tenancies would be cancelled or terminated forthwith. Meanwhile, we will continue to devote efforts in curbing the unscrupulous business practice of selling chilled meat as fresh meat. The legislation stipulates that it is an offence to sell fresh meat and chilled meat in a fresh provision shop / market stall unless the chilled meat for sale is prepackaged, marked and labelled in the prescribed manner before delivery to the premises.

Market Services

13. Last year, general improvement works were completed in six markets. Examples of these works included upgrading of fire service installations, improvement of lighting, drainage and ventilating systems, installation of additional signages, refurbishment of ceilings and walls, etc. We continued to organise promotional activities in markets to enhance the overall business environment of markets during the year. These included festive promotions (e.g. festive decorations, cooking demonstrations on festive recipes and distribution of souvenirs), roving exhibitions and thematic talks.

14. To further improve the business environment of public markets and put vacant stalls into more effective use, we introduced service trade stalls and light refreshment and bakery stalls in six selected markets in June 2009. So far, over 70% of these stalls have been successfully let out. This scheme will be extended to other suitable markets identified. Besides, long-standing vacant stalls in public markets have been put up for open auction with upset price set at 80% or 60% of the open market rent since March 2009. As a result, over half of the long-standing vacant stalls have been successfully let out.

15. Regarding issues relating to the positioning, functions, rental adjustment mechanism, and recovery of air-conditioning charges and rates of public markets, we organised a number of consultation meetings in September and October 2009 to gauge the views of District Council members and representatives of Market Management Consultative Committees, market trader organisations and trade associations. Their views were also sought on the alignment of public market tenancy agreements and related matters. Moreover, we held a regional retreat on public markets for Hong Kong Island and Islands, Kowloon and the New Territories respectively in December 2009. Members of District Councils and Area Committees and representatives of stall tenants and market trader organisations were invited to participate in the retreats to express their views and suggestions on public markets improvement measures and design concepts. We explored with them feasible plans for upgrading the overall operation of public markets.

Hawker Control

16. At the end of 2008, the Administration completed the consultation with District Councils and hawker associations on the review on hawker licensing policy. The results were reported to and endorsed by the LegCo Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene in early 2009. Major recommendations concluded in the policy review included issuing new Itinerant (Frozen Confectionary) Hawker Licences (commonly known as “small ice cream vendors”), and allowing fixed pitch licensees to use adjacent vacant pitches or issuing fixed pitch hawker licences to new operators for trading in the vacant pitches, provided that the environmental hygiene conditions would not be jeopardised and the current number of fixed pitches was maintained. In addition, the requirements for succession to and transfer of Fixed Pitch (Cooked Food or Light Refreshment) Hawker Licences (also known as “Dai Pai Tong”) should be relaxed and the role of District Councils in issues related to hawker licensing and control in respective districts should be strengthened. In August 2009, we completed merging 639 vacant hawker pitches. As at the end of December 2009, a total of 24 new “small ice cream vendor” hawker licences were issued.

Combating Human Swine Influenza

17. In light of the outbreak of human swine influenza (HSI) in Hong Kong last year, FEHD has been allocated additional funding by the Legislative Council for launching special environmental hygiene improvement initiatives for one year. The initiatives include enhanced street washing services for back lanes in the vicinity of licensed food premises, hawker concentrated areas and markets; enhanced cleansing and disinfection of common areas and ancillary facilities in public markets; more frequent cleansing services for aqua privies and public toilets without attendants on the basis of service need and usage; and one-off clean-up services provided in conjunction with the Home Affairs Department (HAD) for common areas of private buildings without management bodies. Besides, in consultation with District Councils, FEHD has identified 105 hygiene blackspots in the territory for thorough cleansing (seven of the blackspots were in this district). All the hygiene blackspots have been properly cleansed by the end of February 2010 and removed from the list (including the seven blackspots in this district).

18. To step up publicity and public education to combat HSI, FEHD conducted a series of programmes from October 2009 to March 2010. The programmes included exhibitions, game booths, cooking demonstrations and talks on anti-flu and hygiene messages held in 73 public markets, and a total of six activity days called "Maintain Hygiene for a Healthy Life Activity Day" held in different districts in the territory for promoting personal and domestic hygiene messages to the public (including foreign domestic helpers and new immigrants). Besides, FEHD has also produced 100 000 copies of a hygiene information booklet prepared in nine Southeast Asian languages to enhance the personal, domestic and environmental hygiene awareness of ethnic minorities living in Hong Kong.

Preventing Avian Influenza

19. We are responsible for avian influenza surveillance on live poultry at the import and retail levels. At the retail level, a new legislation, which took effect from July 2008, requires all operators of market stalls and fresh provision shops (FPS) selling live poultry to slaughter all live poultry remaining at the relevant premises before 8:00 p.m. each day except in inclement weather when exemption from compliance is granted and overnight stocking of live poultry is banned at the retail level. Offenders will be prosecuted and the permissions granted to them for selling live poultry may be revoked. To further our policy objective of separating live poultry from humans with a view to minimising the risk of avian influenza outbreak, a buyout package was offered in mid-July 2008 to make ex-gratia payments to live poultry traders who surrender their FPS licences or public market stall tenancies voluntarily and to provide a one-off grant to the eligible workers of the live poultry retail industry who are affected by the buyout. As at the end of December 2009, a total of 328 retailers and 809 workers of the live poultry retail industry were granted the ex-gratia payments and the one-off grant respectively.

20. Moreover, we have also enhanced other preventive measures at the retail level. These include requiring the retailers to thoroughly cleanse and disinfect the retail premises including slaughter equipment and chicken cages every night, as well as strict enforcement of existing measures like requiring the retailers to wear protective gears. In addition, environmental swabs will be collected regularly from the retail market for avian influenza virus testing.

Public Education

21. We continued to put across messages on keeping the environment clean through Television and Radio Announcements of Public Interest, posters, stickers, leaflets and the publicity vehicle. As before, support was also given to organisations and groups organising the Keep Hong Kong Clean publicity campaigns. Last year, our Health Education Exhibition and Resource Centre at Kowloon Park, Tsim Sha Tsui organised over 2 350 talks for the public and schools to promote public health and environmental hygiene.

Strategies and Tasks in 2010-11

22. In order to maintain and improve the hygiene conditions across the territory, we will strengthen efforts in the following areas in 2010-11.

(I) Enhancing Hygiene Standards

Cleansing Services

23. We will continue to carry out cleansing work in public places / venues (such as public streets, rear lanes, cooked food markets, public toilets, etc.) and target improvement action against hygiene blackspots in the districts. For street cleansing, high pressure hot water cleaners will be used to cleanse thoroughly all blackspots in the districts and the dirt (including chewing gum marks) found on pavements at popular tourist spots. We will also speed up implementation of the special initiatives to combat HSI mentioned in paragraph 17 above. Moreover, we will continue to convert aqua privies into flushing toilets in phases and strive to complete the conversion of all aqua privies by 2013 so far as resources and circumstances permit. For those aqua privies that are not suitable for conversion due to technical or site constraints (e.g. a lack of water and electricity supply), we will conduct in-situ refurbishment which will include upgrading the external finishes, installing mosquito traps and provision of air fresheners, odour-arresting agents and hand sanitisers inside the aqua privies.

Stringent Enforcement Action

24. We will continue to adopt the “zero tolerance” approach against public cleanliness offences and strictly enforce the \$1,500 fixed penalty on offenders. We will target actions such as routine patrols and blitz operations at hygiene blackspots and take out prosecutions against offenders.

Hygiene Conditions of Food Premises

25. To monitor the hygiene conditions of food premises and safeguard public health, we will continue the inspections of food premises and take law enforcement actions against unlicensed operators and unhygienic food premises. A new regulation which prohibits the extraction of seawater from specified areas for keeping live seafood for sale for human consumption will come into force on 1 August 2010. We will step up publicity to remind the trade to prepare for the new legislation and will monitor the situation and take law enforcement actions after the implementation of the regulation. Also, we will continue to streamline the food business licensing regime including the introduction of a composite food shop licence to cover the manufacture / sale of various ready-to-eat food items and relaxation of the statutory food room requirements for licensed restaurants and factory canteens.

(II) Mosquito and Rodent Control

26. The third phase of the territory-wide Anti-mosquito Campaign 2009 organised by the Department was successfully completed on 9 October 2009. To safeguard public health and as a precautionary measure, we will continue to step up the mosquito control work and organise the anti-mosquito campaign in 2010. The first phase of the Anti-mosquito Campaign 2010 was conducted from 1 - 26 March 2010. In the coming year, we will inspect and remove mosquito infestation spots, and deal with the situations posing a "mosquito-related health hazard"¹ more efficiently by application of law. Moreover, the enhancement phase of the Anti-rodent Campaign 2009 was completed during the period from 6 July to 4 September 2009. In order to prevent and control rodent infestation in a comprehensive manner, we will continue to organise inter-departmental anti-rodent campaigns over the territory. The promotion phase of Anti-rodent Campaign 2010 was conducted from 4 January to 5 March.

(III) Market Services and Hawker Control

27. We will continue to upgrade the standard of market management. In this regard, we will continue to conduct inspections to ensure good hygiene conditions and compliance with terms of tenancy and to prevent subletting. To improve the business environment and occupancy rate of public markets and better utilise market stalls, we will maintain close dialogue with Market Management Consultative Committees and continue to organise market promotional activities and introduce light refreshment and service trade stalls in suitable markets.

28. With regard to issues like the rental adjustment mechanism of public markets, signing of new tenancy agreements and the historical problem of the status of stall operators, we will take positive follow-up action. We will also follow up on the feasible suggestions collected at the regional retreats on the improvement of market management and facilities.

29. As regards hawker control, we will continue to control illegal hawking activities in the streets. Our Hawker Control Teams will conduct patrol and raids against illegal hawking. We are now taking forward the proposal of issuing new fixed pitch hawker licences to new operators for trading in vacant fixed pitches.

(IV) Public Education

30. Our Health Education Exhibition and Resource Centre will continue to organise talks, exhibitions and other programmes. The aim is to promote public health and environmental hygiene to the public, thus enhancing the hygiene standards at the community, household and individual levels. To enhance our outreach promotional activities, the mobile publicity van will be renovated to include more interactive games and information appealing to the public.

¹ FEHD will take immediate actions in the following circumstances which pose a mosquito-related health hazard:

- (a) Any places with potential mosquito breeding ground within 500 m radius of a recent local or imported case of dengue fever;
- (b) Any places with potential mosquito breeding ground within 2 km radius of a recent local case of Japanese encephalitis; and
- (c) Any areas where the area ovitrap indices are above 40%.

(V) Inter-departmental Operations

31. For district management problems of public concern and areas requiring inter-departmental action, we will provide support with the co-ordination of the departments concerned in order to resolve the problems jointly.

District Action Plan

32. In line with the overall strategy of the Department, the district offices have formulated individual district action plans to achieve the above objectives. The 2010-11 Yuen Long District Action Plan is in the Appendix.

33. The Department will implement the above strategies and tasks set out in the District Action Plan. The service requirements will be reviewed from time to time to ensure environmental hygiene.

Advice Sought

34. Members are invited to note this paper and give comments on the measures.

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Yuen Long District Action Plan**

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Improving Environmental Hygiene Conditions

1. Anti-mosquito and rodent control services

Last year, there were 42 imported cases of dengue fever in Hong Kong, but there were no reported cases of local dengue fever and local or imported Japanese encephalitis. To safeguard public health and as a precautionary measure, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) will continue to step up mosquito control and conduct anti-mosquito campaigns in 2010. As the infestation of rodents and pests can transmit diseases and pose a threat to public health, FEHD will implement a series of stringent control measures. In addition to the in-house staff, contractors are engaged to provide mosquito and pest control services. All the mosquito and pest control teams are equipped with vehicles so that they can carry out their duties swiftly and efficiently. These duties include:

- (a) inspecting areas susceptible to mosquito and pest breeding (e.g. construction and vacant sites, cargo terminals, cargo handling areas, schools, village houses, hospitals, livestock farms, illegal cultivation sites, border control points and the peripheral areas, and old tenement buildings); conducting anti-mosquito operations; and eliminating possible harbourage of rodent and performing baiting treatment duties; and
- (b) clearing litter, waste and abandoned articles/tyres from slopes, hillsides, roadside grass verges and turfed areas, vacant sites, building sites and public open spaces; removing potential mosquito breeding grounds and performing anti-mosquito and pest control duties.

FEHD will work closely with the District Anti-mosquito Task Force. It is anticipated that a total of 58 000 rounds of inspection / anti-mosquito operation / anti-rodent survey and baiting treatment operation will be completed in Yuen Long District in 2010-11. A list of locations provided with anti-mosquito and pest control services is at **Annex I**.

2. Clear-up of hygiene blackspots and “grey area” cleansing

2.1 Clear-up of hygiene blackspots

FEHD identifies and tackles problems of abandoned waste in local hygiene blackspots. All household waste abandoned at lanes, streets and public places is

removed to prevent obstruction to our cleansing operations. Upon completion of the cleansing operation, the areas are washed as necessary.

The clear-up operations include clearance of obstructions, extensive washing up and pest control. Stringent enforcement action is taken against illegal food business activities. Co-ordinated efforts with other departments will be made where necessary.

A list of hygiene blackspots in Yuen Long District is at **Annex II**.

2.2 “Grey area” cleansing

At present, FEHD is responsible for clearing waste in the “grey areas”, including unallocated Government land; ungazetted beaches and coastal areas; slopes, roadside grass verges and turfed areas along public roads (including roundabouts and hill slopes); nullahs; channels; natural or trained watercourses; and lifts for the disabled and escalator links at footbridges.

FEHD will continue the above cleansing services and cleaning operations will be carried out in “grey areas” which are of major concern to the public. These include locations subject to repeated complaints by the public, visible spots in the urban areas (such as roadside slopes and roundabouts), tourist areas, frequently visited ungazetted beaches, nullahs in urban areas and major rivers in the New Territories. Cleansing service contractors are engaged and their performance is closely monitored to ensure public expectations are met.

A list of “grey areas” of prime concern in Yuen Long District is at **Annex III**. Cleansing frequency is adjusted according to ground situation to maintain the environmental hygiene of these “grey areas”.

3. Public cleansing services

3.1 Street cleansing

FEHD is committed to providing effective and efficient public cleansing services. Our in-house staff and the cleansing contractors perform the daily tasks of sweeping / washing streets, collecting household waste and managing public toilets and refuse collection points.

Street sweeping is an essential part of keeping the city clean. At present, there are about 19 beats in Yuen Long District. As they are located in business districts / tourist spots with high pedestrian flow, the sweeping frequency is six times a day to keep the places clean at all times. Apart from manual sweeping, FEHD also deploys mechanical street sweepers for highways, flyovers, central dividers, etc. About 1 500 litter containers, 20 stand-alone cigarette butt containers and 310 recyclable collection bins are provided at public streets in the district for public convenience. The litter containers and cigarette butt containers are emptied at a frequency commensurate with their usage, ranging from once to six times a day. As for recyclable collection bins, they are collected at least once a week. Also, there are about 45 dog latrines / dog excreta collection bins in public places for the convenience of dog owners.

To keep pavements, service lanes, hawker concentrated areas, refuse collection points and hygiene blackspots in the district clean, FEHD provides regular street washing services, at a frequency ranging from at least once to two times a week.

3.2 Refuse collection

There are currently 193 refuse collection points of various types and 90 bin sites in the district for residents to dispose of household waste. Refuse is collected at least once daily and delivered for disposal on vehicles deployed by the Department and the contractors to North West New Territories Refuse Transfer Station managed by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD).

To further improve environmental hygiene in Hong Kong, FEHD continues to provide focused cleansing services to those places in need, including Yuen Long New Street, the vicinities of Tung Yick Market, Tai Kiu Market and Yuen Long Nullah, etc. Besides, FEHD also provides roving cleansing team services, etc. at 74 aqua privies and flushing toilets.

3.3 Public toilets / aqua privies improvement works

In Yuen Long District, 105 public toilets and 95 aqua privies are currently managed by FEHD. We have embarked on or planned to embark on a refurbishment programme for five public toilets to upgrade their ventilation systems and other facilities. For example, air fresheners, hand sanitisers, hand dryers, urinal bowls and hand basins at children's height, baby changing counters and automatic infrared sensor water taps, etc. will be installed for further improvement of hygiene and comfort of the toilets. Besides, having regard to the location and area of

individual toilets, user requirements and other technical factors, the male-to-female toilet compartment ratio will be increased from the previous 1:1 to 1:2 where circumstances permit to meet the needs of the public. In addition, we have commenced conversion programmes to convert 29 aqua prives into flushing toilets in phases.

To further improve the cleansing standard of public toilets and ensure that public toilets are kept clean at all times, toilet attendants are deployed at public toilets with higher daily usage. Apart from providing prompt cleansing service and replenishing toilet paper and liquid soap, the toilet attendants will take remedial action immediately if minor defects are found.

A list of public toilets with attendant services in Yuen Long District is at **Annex IV**.

4. Enforcement action against public cleanliness offences

FEHD adopts a “zero tolerance” approach against four common public cleanliness offences (i.e. littering, spitting, unauthorised display of bills / posters and fouling of streets by dog faeces) by issuing the Fixed Penalty Notices to the offenders.

Enforcement officers of FEHD carry out enforcement action during their day-to-day patrol duties. Special attention is also paid to the above four common public cleanliness offences at local hygiene blackspots. These spots are usually of higher pedestrian flow with more frequent occurrence and recurrence of cleanliness offences that warrant special attention and action. On top of regular inspections, FEHD also takes a targeted approach in mounting special enforcement operations at selected locations (including public transport interchanges, taxi-stands, bus termini, areas outside off-course betting centres and places with heavy passenger traffic). A list of hygiene blackspots with frequent littering and other cleanliness offences in Yuen Long District is at **Annex V**.

5. Hygiene conditions of food premises

To maintain the hygiene standards of food premises, FEHD will continue to inspect the licensed food premises in the district. Stringent enforcement action will also be taken against unlicensed and unhygienic food premises to protect public health. In 2010-11, 7 000 inspections will be conducted in Yuen Long District.

Market Management

6. Enhancing market management and hygiene standards

Stall owners of public markets and cooked food markets / centres are responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of their stalls. If they neglect their responsibility, resulting in unsatisfactory hygiene conditions and obstruction to passages, food and environmental hygiene will be significantly affected. This also causes inconvenience to customers, thus discouraging them from shopping in the markets.

We will continue to launch the Market Cleansing Day every month to maintain the hygiene conditions in the markets. Apart from issuing guidelines on food handling to food stalls and taking enforcement action against breaches of hygiene-related legislation and tenancy conditions (e.g. obstruction to passages), we will cleanse thoroughly on a daily basis the commons areas and facilities of the markets (such as the floor and escalators).

7. Improving market facilities and promotion

To improve the facilities and environment of markets, we began improvement works at Tai Kiu Market and Tung Yick Market in Yuen Long District in 2009. The works include paving of non-slippery tiles in the passageway of Tai Kiu Market, and improvement of fire service installation, lighting and ventilating systems, retrofitting of videophones for persons in need of help and replacement of escalator No. 2 in Tung Yick Market. The works are scheduled for completion by late May 2010. We also plan to carry out improvement works in Hung Shui Kiu Market in 2010. The works will include improvement of fire service installation, redevelopment of small stalls (including retrofitting of roof covers and provision of electricity system), improvement of drainage system for the small stalls, improvement of ventilation and lighting, retrofitting of meter rooms and installation of additional signages. The upgrading of the above hardware facilities is to provide a more comfortable shopping environment to the public.

To make shopping more enjoyable and to attract more customers to shop at public markets, we will carry out promotional activities like festive promotions, thematic exhibitions, cooking demonstrations, distribution of souvenirs and lucky draws in suitable markets.

Others

8. Special district-based operations

8.1 Removal of illegally parked / abandoned bicycles; unauthorised publicity boards, banners and posters; and metal cages for collection of used clothes illegally placed in public places

Illegal parking / abandoning of bicycles and unauthorised display of publicity boards, banners and posters in public places are, among others, matters of prime concern in Yuen Long District. Inter-departmental joint clearance operations to remove these articles have been co-ordinated by Yuen Long District Office and arranged by District Lands Office / Yuen Long. We will continue to take part in the clearance operations to remove such bicycles co-ordinated and arranged by Yuen Long District Office and the joint clearance operations to remove unauthorised publicity boards, banners and posters arranged by District Lands Office / Yuen Long.

Moreover, with the co-ordination of HAD, we have removed the cages on public pavements during blitz operations. Working closely with HAD, our staff will take enforcement action including removal of the cages from the site and temporary keeping of the same pending final disposal following approval of forfeiture given by the court.

8.2 Action against unlicensed hawkers and illegal shop extension

We will strengthen law enforcement action against illegal hawking and illegal shop extension causing obstruction in blackspots in Yuen Long New Street pedestrian precinct, Fook Tak Street, Sau Fu Street, Yau San Street and Tin Shui Wai area. We will take action against unlicensed hawkers and exercise strict control over the itinerant hawker licence holders in the district.

On suppressing illegal shop extension, we will continue to strengthen law enforcement efforts in various blackspots in Yuen Long Town, including Yuen Long New Street, the vicinity of Tai Kiu Market, Kam Fai Path, Ma Miu Road and Grandeur Terrace in Tin Shui Wai.

8.3 Illegal dumping

Illegal dumping cases will be referred to the Highways Department or Lands Department for removal of the construction waste within its purview. Prosecution against illegal dumping will also be taken jointly with EPD.

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Annex I**Locations Provided with Anti-mosquito and Pest Control Services**

Serial No.	Location
1	Streets in Yuen Long Town Centre, rear lanes, cooked food markets and markets
2	Tung Tau Industrial Area, Hung Tin Tsuen, Chung Hau Tsuen
3	Wang Chau, Chung Sam Wai, Yeung Uk Tsuen, Fuk Hing Tsuen, Yuen Long Industrial Estate
4	Yuen Long Kau Hui, Tung Tau Tsuen, Tsoi Uk Tsuen, Wong Uk Tsuen
5	Public places near Small Traders New Village, Tung Shing Lei, Kwan Lok San Tsuen, Sai Pin Wai, Nam Pin Wai, Pok Oi Hospital
6	Shui Pin Wai, Long Ping Estate, Shui Tin Tsuen, Fung Chi Tsuen
7	Shek Tong Tsuen, Yueng Uk Tsuen, Ko Po San Tsuen
8	Ko Po, Tai Hong Wai, Wing Lung Wai, Kam Tin San Tsuen, Tai Kong Po
9	Chuk Hang, Kat Hing Wai, Tsz Tong Tsuen
10	Shui Tau Tsuen, Shui Mei Tsuen, Pak Wai Tsuen, Kam Hing Wai
11	Wang Toi Shan, San Lung Wai, Wong Chuk Yuen, Sheung
12	Shek Wu Tong, Ng Ka Tsuen, Yuen Kong Tsuen, Tin Sam San Tsuen, Shui Tsan Tin, Ma On Kong
13	Tai Sang Wai, Fairview Park, Palm Spring, Chuk Yuen Tsuen
14	San Tin, Mai Po, Lin Bam Tsuen
15	Ngau Tam Mei, Yau Tam Mei Tsuen, San Wai, Long Ha, Mo Fan Heung

16	Wing Ping Tsuen, Fan Tin Tsuen, Tsing Lung Tsuen, Tung Chan Wai, San Lung Tsuen, Yan Sau Wai
17	Lok Ma Chau, Chau Tau, Shek Wu Wai, Mai Po Lung Tsuen, Shek Wu Wai San Tsuen, Lok Ma Chau Control Point, Lok Ma Chau Spurline Control Point
18	Ma Tin Tsuen, Ma Tin Pok, Lung Tin Tsuen
19	Tin Liu Tsuen, Tai Tong Tsuen, Pak Sha Tsuen, Wong Nai Tun
20	Shui Tsiu San Tsuen, Shung Ching San Tsuen, Tai Kei Leng, Hung Cho Tin Tsuen
21	Public places near Tin Chak Estate, Tin Yuet Estate, Tin Yan Estate, Tin Yat Estate, Tin Hang Estate, Tin Shui Estate, Tin Wah Estate, Tin Yiu Estate, Tin Tsz Estate
22	Public places near Tin Oi Court, Tin Shing Court, Tin Fu Court, Tin Chung Court, Tin Yau Court, Grandeur Terrace, Tin Lai Court
23	Public places near Kingswood Villas, Hong Kong Wetland Park
24	Construction sites in Tin Shui Wai Area
25	Lau Fau Shan, Mong Tseng Wai, Sha Kong Wai, Shenzhen Bay Control Point
26	San Wai, Ha Tsuen, Tseung Kong Wai, Sik Kong Tsuen Tin Sam Tsuen
27	Ping Shan San Tsuen, Sheung Cheung Wai, Hang Tau Tsuen, Hang Mei Tsuen, Kiu Tau Wai
28	Shan Ha Tsuen, Tong Yan San Tsuen, Fui Sha Wai, Tan Kwai Tsuen, Tong Fong Tsuen, Hung Shui Kiu

Hygiene Blackspots in the District

Serial No.	Location
1	Yuen Long New Street
2	Hop Choi Street near Tung Yick Market
3	Fau Tsoi Street
4	Yau San Street
5	Chun Yin Square
6	Fook Tak Street and Tai Kiu Market
7	Near Kin Yip Street Cooked Food Market

Annex III

“Grey Areas” of Prime Concern in the District

Serial No.	Location
1	Tin Shui Wai Nullah(near Tin Wah Estate)
2	Tin Shui Wai Nullah(near Tin Chak Estate and Tin Hang Estate)
3	Dam of Tin Shui Wai Nullah(near Tin Wah Estate)
4	Nullah along Yau Tin Road East and Yau Tin Raod West

Public Toilets with Attendant Services in the District

Serial No.	Name of Toilet and Location
1	Kik Yeung Road Public Toilet
2	Kuk Ting Street Public Toilet
3	Tai Kiu Tsuen Public Toilet
4	Fung Cheung Road Public Toilet
5	Hong King Street Public Toilet
6	Tai Tong Road Bathhouse cum Public Toilet
7	Wang Yip Street Public Toilet
8	Tan Kwai Tsuen Road Public Toilet
9	Hung Shui Kiu Bathhouse cum Public Toilet
10	Kam Tin Market Public Toilet
11	Sik Kong Tsuen Public Toilet
12	Lo Uk Tsuen Public Toilet
13	Lok Ma Chau Control Point (Southern Vehicle Holding Area) Public Toilet
14	Lok Ma Chau Control Point (Northern Vehicle Holding Area) Public Toilet
15	Long Lok Road Light Rail Transit Terminus Public Toilet
16	Lau Fau Shan Roundabout Public Toilet
17	Container-type vacuum toilet at Lok Ma Chau Public Transport Interchange
18	Kam Sheung Road Public Toilet

19	Hang Mei Tsuen Public Toilet
20	Lok Ma Chau Public Transport Interchange Public Toilet

Hygiene Blackspots with Frequent Littering and other Cleanliness Offences in the District

編號	Location
1	Yuen Long Castle(Yuen Long Town), Yuen Long Town Park Road South, Yuen Long Town Park Road North, Kau Yuk Road, Yuen Long Tai Yuk Raod
2	Tin Yiu Light Rail Transit Station, Tin Lung Road outside Kenswood Court, Tin Shing Road outside Tin Wah Estate, Tin Yiu Road outside Kingswood Richly Plaza, Tin Wu Road outside Kingswood Richly Plaza and Sherwood, Tin Shui Road outside Tin Shui Estate, Footbridge connecting West Rail Tin Shui Wai Station and Tin Yiu Estate
3	Tai Tong Road
4	West Rail Kam Sheung Road Station, Kam Tin Road
5	Fung Kam Street, Fung Yau Road and Sun Yuen Long Centre
6	Yuen Long Threatre
7.	San Tin Public Transport Interchange

Annex VI

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