

**Food and Environmental Hygiene Department**  
**Achievements of the Central/Western District 2024 Year-end Clean-up**

**Purpose**

To inform Members of the achievements of the 2024 Year-end Clean-up launched in the district.

**Background**

2. To usher in the “Year of the Dragon”, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) launched a large-scale territory-wide Year-end Clean-up. The 21-day event from 16 January to 5 February 2024 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 and the Government Programme on Tackling Hygiene Black Spots, the event was launched in three phases as follows –

(a) Phase I (from 16 to 22 January 2024)

It involved cleansing of public markets, cooked food centres, hawker bazaars and the relevant Hygiene Blackspots. 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 23 to 29 January 2024)

The district was divided into 14 sections for cleansing, mosquito and rodent control operations targeting at the old tenement buildings,

streets, backlanes, common parts of buildings, village houses, building sites, vacant sites, road works sites and the relevant Hygiene Black Spots; and

(c) Phase III (from 30 January to 5 February 2024)

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 C&W District Council Paper No. 6/2024.

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

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

**Participation of District Council Members**

6. A total of 10 District Council Members had participated in the inspection of the clean-up work in the district and to see for themselves its effectiveness. Among the 1 location [including 1 hygiene blackspots] visited, the hygienic condition of the location was found satisfactory.

7. We are grateful for Members' active participation in this year's Year-end Clean-up. Members are welcome to advise on the event, the environmental hygiene facilities and services in the district.

Central/Western District Environmental Hygiene Office  
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**Central/Western District Environmental Hygiene Office**

**Achievements of 2024 Year-end Clean-up**

Achievements of the 2024 Year-end Clean-up carried out by the Central/Western District Environmental Hygiene Office of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department are as follows –

1. A total of 30 tonnes of junk were collected in 42 clean-up operations.
2. Enhanced cleansing services and control measures on mosquitoes and rodents were conducted at 51 hygiene blackspots, 4 markets with cooked food centres, 1 markets, 1 cooked food market, 9 hawkers permitted/concentrated areas, 66 streets and 44 lanes, 16 refuse collection points, 32 public toilets and 4 bathhouses in the district.
3. 24 intensive mosquito control operations were mounted. A total of 1 hygiene blackspot, 28 tenement buildings, 16 private housing estates, 3 cargo and passenger termini, 21 schools, 77 building sites, 40 vacant sites and 3 hospitals were inspected. 45 mosquito breeding/potential breeding places were eliminated with the issue of 22 verbal warnings were given out.
4. To enhance anti-rodent and other anti-pest measures, a total of 6,623 rodent baits were placed in public areas and 54 rodent/fly breeding places were eliminated.
5. During inspections to identified places which included 18 hygiene blackspots, 62 streets, 36 lanes and common parts of 65 buildings.
6. Prosecution was stepped up against hawking irregularities and illegal hawking activities. A total of 8 summonses and 177 seizures were taken out.

7. Enforcement action was stepped up against irregularities found in markets. A total of 23 verbal warnings were given and 6 summonses taken out.
8. Strengthened enforcement action was taken against littering offenders. A total of 113 fixed penalty notices were issued (101 on littering, of which 2 on feeding of pigeons or other feral birds causing dirtiness in public places, 7 on spitting, 1 on illegal display of bills or posters and 4 on obstruction of public places).
9. 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 6 summonses taken out, of which 6 summonses against unlicensed food businesses.
10. A total of 10 District Council Members participated in the inspection in different phases of the clean-up operation. Apart from seeing for themselves the effectiveness of the operations in the district, they also gave their valuable comments.