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Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Tai Po District 2024 Year-end Clean-up

Purpose

This paper sets out the detailed arrangements for the 2024 Year-end Clean-up in the district.

Background

2. In anticipation of the advent of the “Year of the Dragon”, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) will carry out a 21-day major Year-end Clean-up across the territory. The clean-up is 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 21-day event is divided into three phases as follows –

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

It involves the cleansing of public markets, cooked food centre, hawker and the relevant Hygiene Black Spots. These locations in the district will be thoroughly cleaned and that mosquito and rodent control measures will also be carried out simultaneously. FEHD will also encourage stall operators to pitch in and clean up their stalls.

(b) Phase II (from 23 to 29 January 2024)

The district will be divided into 8 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, road works sites and the relevant Hygiene Black Spots.

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

The cleansing activities for all areas covered in Phases I and II will be repeated to ensure complete cleanliness of the district.

Details of Operation

4. During the event period, FEHD will –
 - (a) carry out intensive anti-mosquito operations, including elimination of potential mosquito breeding places, at old tenement buildings and other susceptible areas in the district;
 - (b) step up vermin and rodent control measures in the district;
 - (c) provide intensified cleansing at public toilets, public bathhouses and refuse collection points in the district;
 - (d) step up cleansing operations at illegal refuse deposit blackspots, including clearance of litters at backlanes, roadside verges and lawns;
 - (e) step up the cleansing and enforcement operations of the relevant Hygiene Black Spots.
 - (f) remind operators of food establishments about the importance of good hygiene standard and step up enforcement actions; and
 - (g) strengthen enforcement actions and adopt the “zero-tolerance” approach against illegal posting of bills or posters, littering including feeding of pigeons and other feral birds causing dirtiness to public places, spitting, dog fouling and unlawful depositing of waste.

5. The targets we have formulated for the district to tie in with the event are provided at **Annex**.

6. In addition, we will also contact and request the government departments concerned, including District Office of Home Affairs Department, Lands Department, Marine Department, Leisure and Cultural Services Department, Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department and Housing Department for their concerted actions in support of the event.

Publicity and Promotional Activities/Plans

7. To promote the Year-end Clean-up, FEHD will –
- (a) publicize the event through the mass media;
 - (b) display clean-up targets of the district at buildings with the assistance of respective District Offices; and
 - (c) display banners at prominent sites of various districts.

Participation by District Council Members

8. We sincerely invite Members of the Tai Po District Council to join us in inspecting our cleansing operations and assess the results. District Environmental Hygiene Superintendent (Tai Po) will work out the necessary inspection arrangement with the District Council Secretariat.

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Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
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Targets of the Year-end Clean-up

The Tai Po District Environmental Hygiene Office of FEHD undertakes that during the Year-end Clean-up period, we will do our utmost to step up inspections aiming at illegal refuse deposit blackspots in the district and to see to it that the hygiene conditions are improved and the health of the public safeguarded.

- ◆ To inspect 121 hygiene blackspots, the common parts of 157 tenement buildings, 133 villages and 42 private housing estates; 49 schools, 13 building sites and 18 vacant sites, and step up cleansing-cum-mosquito control measures and enforcement actions if necessary.
- ◆ To step up vermin and rodent control measures and place 1750 rat baits in public areas to vigorously eliminate rats, of which 120 rat baits in relation to 2 hygiene blackspots.
- ◆ To step up inspections to 2 markets, 1 cooked food centres and carry out stringent enforcement actions against irregularities such as dirty stalls, passage obstruction, exposure of open food; and to encourage stallholders to clean their own stalls and to remove articles from the top of the stalls.
- ◆ To strengthen street cleansing service, especially street washing to “Four Lanes”, Luk Heung Lane, Fu Shin Street, On Fu Road, Jade Plaza, Tai Po Centre and Tai Po Plaza, and to provide more litter bins and bin emptying where necessary.
- ◆ To strengthen cleansing service for 74 public toilets, 1 public bathhouses and 5 refuse collection points, of which 2 public toilets, in related to 2 hygiene blackspots. Attendant services will be provided when necessary.
- ◆ To provide intensive washing services to the illegal refuse deposit blackspots in 20 streets and 8 lanes, of which 7 streets and 2 lanes in

related to 9 hygiene blackspots, and take action to remove articles causing obstruction. Roving cleansing teams will be deployed to clean up such blackspots and tackle other environmental hygiene problems.

- ◆ To inspect the common parts of 157 buildings. “Nuisance Notice” or “Notice to Remove Litter/Waste and to Clean Areas” will be issued when necessary. Residents of the buildings will be informed of the locations of temporary junk collection points that would be set up to facilitate the disposal of discarded furniture and articles.
- ◆ To open 5 refuse collection points for the public to dispose of large and useless furniture and articles conveniently. Refuse collection services will also be enhanced in every collection point.
- ◆ To strengthen enforcement actions and to adopt the “zero tolerance” approach against illegal posting of bills and posters, littering including feeding of pigeons and other feral birds causing dirtiness to public places, spitting and dog fouling in the district.
- ◆ To remind the operators of food establishments about the importance of good hygiene standard and to refrain from placing baskets in the shop front for storage of food remnant. We will also take stringent enforcement actions against illegal use of public area by the food business operators.