

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Achievements of the Tai Po District 2025 Year-end Clean-up

Purpose

To inform Members of the achievements of the 2025 Year-end Clean-up launched in the district.

Background

2. To usher in the “Year of the Snake”, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (the Department) launched a large-scale territory-wide Year-end Clean-up. The 21-day event from 6 to 26 January 2025 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 6 to 12 January 2025)

It involved cleansing of public markets, cooked food centres and the relevant Hygiene Black spots. 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 13 to 19 January 2025)

The district was divided into 8 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 20 to 26 January 2025)

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 FEH Paper No. 2/2024.

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 Tai Po District Council / Co-opted Members

6. Tai Po District Council / Co-opted Members had been invited to participate in the inspection of the clean-up work in the district and to see for themselves its effectiveness.

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.

Tai Po District Environmental Hygiene Office
Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
February 2025

Tai Po District Environmental Hygiene Office

Achievements of 2025 Year-end Clean-up

Achievements of the 2025 Year-end Clean-up carried out by the Tai Po District Environmental Hygiene Office of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department are as follows –

1. Around 500 tonnes of junk were collected in 36 clean-up operations.
2. Enhanced cleansing services and control measures on mosquitoes and rodents were conducted at 121 hygiene black spots, 2 markets, 1 cooked food centre, 20 streets and 8 lanes, 5 refuse collection points, 74 public toilets and 1 bathhouse in the district.
3. 18 intensive mosquito control operations were mounted. A total of 157 tenement buildings, 133 village houses, 42 private housing estates and 49 schools, 9 building sites, 16 vacant sites and 2 hospitals were inspected. 121 mosquito breeding and 2455 potential breeding places were eliminated.
4. To enhance anti-rodent and other anti-pest measures, a total of 2045 rodent baits were placed in public areas and 8 rodent breeding places were eliminated.
5. During inspections to identified places which included 121 hygiene black spots, 20 streets, 8 lanes and common parts of 157 buildings, 5 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.
6. During the clean-up operations, a total of 19 pieces of illegal bills and posters were removed.
7. Prosecution was stepped up against hawking irregularities and illegal hawking activities. A total of 42 verbal warnings and 2 seizures were taken out.

8. Enforcement action was stepped up against irregularities found in markets. A total of 33 verbal warnings were given and 4 summonses taken out.
9. Strengthened enforcement action was taken against littering offenders. A total of 126 fixed penalty notices were issued (93 on littering, including feeding of pigeons or other feral birds causing dirtiness in public places, 15 on spitting, 10 on illegal display of bills or posters and 1 on dog fouling).
10. Stepped-up enforcement action was taken against those who had breached the Public Cleansing and Prevention of Nuisances Regulation. A total of 30 verbal warnings were given and 5 summonses 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 3 verbal warnings were given and 3 summonses against unlicensed food businesses were taken out.
12. Tai Po District Council / Co-opted Members had been invited to participate in the inspection in different phases of the clean-up operation.