

Information Paper

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Achievements of the YTM 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 20 sections for cleansing, mosquito and

rodent control operations targeting at the old tenement buildings, streets, backlanes, common parts of buildings, 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 YTM District Council Paper No. 5/2024.

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

6. The chairman of District Council and 20 District Council Members had participated in the inspection of the clean-up work in the district and to see for themselves its effectiveness, the hygienic conditions of 4 locations (including 1 hygiene black spot) were found satisfactory. The Department will take follow-up actions accordingly.

7. We are grateful for District Councils' 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.

Yau Tsim District and Mongkok District Environmental Hygiene Office
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Achievements of 2024 Year-end Clean-up

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

1. A total of 72 tonnes of junk were collected in 66 clean-up operations.
2. Enhanced cleansing services and control measures on mosquitoes and rodents were conducted at 58 hygiene blackspots, 5 markets, 3 cooked food centres, 1 cooked food market, 2 cooked food hawker bazaar , 1 hawker bazaar, 16 hawkers permitted/concentrated areas, 60 streets and 39 lanes, 20 refuse collection points, 18 public toilets and 3 bathhouses in the district.
3. 36 intensive mosquito control operations were mounted. A total of 53 hygiene blackspots, 275 tenement buildings, 23 private housing estates, 5 cargo and passenger termini, 40 schools, 60 building sites, 4 vacant sites and 2 hospitals were inspected. 1956 mosquito breeding/potential breeding places were eliminated with the issue of 75 verbal warnings.
4. To enhance anti-rodent and other anti-pest measures, a total of 5318 rodent baits were placed in public areas and 244 rodent/fly breeding places were eliminated.
5. During inspections to identified places which included 58 hygiene blackspots, 60 streets, 37 lanes and common parts of 315 buildings, a total of 7 notices to clear litter 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 17960 pieces of illegal bills and posters were removed.

7. Prosecution was stepped up against hawking irregularities and illegal hawking activities. A total of 38 verbal warnings, 1 arrest, 113 summonses and 2 seizures were taken out.
8. Enforcement action was stepped up against irregularities found in markets. A total of 6 verbal warnings were given and 6 summonses taken out.
9. Strengthened enforcement action was taken against littering offenders. A total of 283 fixed penalty notices were issued (248 on littering, including feeding of pigeons or other feral birds causing dirtiness in public places, 20 on spitting, 5 on illegal display of bills or posters and 10 on obstruction to public place).
10. Stepped-up enforcement action was taken against those who had breached the Public Cleansing and Prevention of Nuisances Regulation. A total of 45 verbal warnings were given.
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 76 verbal warnings were given and 35 summonses taken out, of which 31 summonses against unlicensed food businesses.
12. The chairman of District Council and 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.