

# 2024 Lunar New Year fairs run smoothly on first day

The 2024 Lunar New Year (LNY) fairs are being held at 15 locations for seven days from today (February 4) to 7am on February 10. A spokesman for the Food and Environment Hygiene Department (FEHD) said that the operation of the LNY fairs has been smooth in general on the first day. Members of the public visiting the LNY fairs are appealed to watch out for the visitor flow of the fairs and to use public transport as far as possible.

The spokesman also reminded members of the public to stay tuned to the crowd safety management measures and special traffic arrangements implemented by the Police and the Transport Department. Apart from the vicinity of LNY fairs, special arrangements are also being implemented at Mong Kok Flower Market Road area.

The spokesman said that the FEHD has all along maintained close communication with relevant departments in drawing up timetable and arrangement for loading/unloading of goods according to the location of individual LNY fair venues and the nearby traffic. Given the limited capacity of the venues and for the sake of public safety, loading/unloading of goods is only allowed at designated spots and/or timeslots in some of the venues. The FEHD urged members of the public and the licensees to follow the instructions of the FEHD staff and the Police on site.

The spokesman added, "The venues of the LNY fairs will be monitored using technology measures and crowd control will be implemented when necessary. The footfall of the 15 LNY fairs will be displayed in a 'green, amber and red lights' format on the FEHD website to enable the public to know about the crowds at the fairs. A green light means few people are inside the fair, the amber light indicates the fair venue is slightly crowded, while the red light shows that the fair venue is very crowded.

"Furthermore, admission to the LNY fairs will cease 15 minutes prior to the closing time every day. Persons who are interested in visiting are advised to reserve sufficient time to enjoy the LNY fairs."

The spokesman also urged members of the public to keep the environment clean and not to litter while enjoying the festive season. Stall operators should also properly dispose of waste and keep their stalls and the surroundings clean and tidy.

The 2024 LNY fairs offer about 1 500 wet goods, dry goods, fast food and thematic stalls to enable the public to buy festive plants and flowers, LNY food, decorations and spring couplets (fai chun) to welcome the LNY. For information on the LNY fairs including the locations and opening hours, please visit the FEHD website.