

Additional public forum on proposals for enhancing animal welfare

The Government, through amending the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Ordinance (Cap. 169), proposes to extend the existing legislation which prohibits and penalises acts of cruelty to animals to include taking positive actions on looking after animals well. A three-month public consultation has been launched and four public forums were held to gauge the views of members of the public. To facilitate public attendance and expression of opinions, the Government will hold an additional public forum, the details of which are as follows:

Date	Time	Venue	Primary language
July 15 (Monday)	8pm to 10pm	Theatre, Sheung Wan Civic Centre	Cantonese

Members of the public are welcome to register to attend. The registration arrangements have already been posted on the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department's dedicated website on the public consultation (www.pets.gov.hk/english/animal_health_and_welfare/Proposals_to_Enhance_Animal_Welfare.html).

People who would like to attend the consultation forum should register via the dedicated website for seat reservation. Seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Apart from the public consultation forums, views on the consultation paper can be delivered by post to the Office of the Animal Management (Development) Division, Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department, 5/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Hong Kong, by fax to 3110 1336, or by email to cap169_amendment@afcd.gov.hk on or before July 31 this year.

The consultation paper can be downloaded from the dedicated website, the Food and Health Bureau's website (www.fhb.gov.hk) and the GovHK website (www.gov.hk/en/residents/government/publication/consultation/current.htm).