

# **AFCD disbursing ex-gratia payments for cancellation of FarmFest 2022 under Anti-epidemic Fund**

The Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) announced today (January 28) that the department is disbursing ex-gratia payments for the cancellation of FarmFest 2022 to successful applicants under the fresh round of the Anti-epidemic Fund.

An AFCD spokesman said, "The application for the above ex-gratia payment has started since January 17. As of today, the AFCD has received a total of 53 applications and 36 of them have been approved. Ex-gratia payments by crossed cheques are being posted to the successful applicants, involving payments of around \$180,000. The department has expedited the processing of the applications such that disbursement of the ex-gratia payments can be made as soon as possible."

A one-off ex-gratia payment of \$5 000 is payable to each of the eligible fishermen, farmers, fishing units and farming units. The application deadline for the ex-gratia payment is February 18. Eligible applicants should submit applications to the AFCD as soon as possible. The AFCD has notified eligible applicants by phone and sent them application forms by email, fax or post. For enquiries, please call 2150 7099 (for fisheries booths) or 2670 1161 (for agricultural booths).