

Auctions for Lunar New Year fair stalls in New Territories to start next Friday

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) today (October 25) reminded interested parties to join auctions that will start next Friday (November 1) for stalls at the 2025 Lunar New Year (LNY) fairs in the New Territories.

The nine fairs, with a total of 521 wet goods stalls, 230 dry goods stalls and seven fast food stalls, will be held at Sha Tsui Road Playground in Tsuen Wan, Tin Hau Temple Fung Shui Square in Tai Po, Tung Tau Industrial Area Playground in Yuen Long, Tin Hau Temple Plaza in Tuen Mun, Man Yee Playground in Sai Kung, Po Hong Park in Tseung Kwan O, Shek Wu Hui Playground in North District, Kwai Chung Sports Ground in Kwai Tsing and Yuen Wo Playground in Sha Tin.

The auctions for stalls of the LNY fairs in Tsuen Wan, Yuen Long and Kwai Tsing will be held at the Assembly Hall, 2/F, Lai Chi Kok Government Offices, 19 Lai Wan Road, Lai Chi Kok, Kowloon, on November 1, 5 and 11. The auction sessions are scheduled from 9am to 12.30pm (AM session) and 2pm until completion of the auction (PM session).

The auctions for stalls of the LNY fairs in Tai Po, Sai Kung and Tseung Kwan O, North District, and Sha Tin will be held at the above-mentioned venue on November 4, 7, 8 and 12. The auction session is scheduled from 9am or 9.30am until completion of the auction.

The auction for stalls of Tin Hau Temple Plaza LNY fair in Tuen Mun will be held at Tseng Choi Street Community Hall, 27 Tseng Choi Street, Tuen Mun, on November 6. The auction session is scheduled from 9.30am until completion of the auction.

Details of the auctions are as follows:

Sha Tsui Road Playground (Tsuen Wan)

Auction date: November 1 (Friday)

Number of stalls: 126

AM session: Wet goods (Stall Nos. 1 to 64)

PM session: Wet goods (Stall Nos. 65 to 96) and dry goods

Opening prices:

Wet goods: \$1,770

Dry goods (regular size): \$8,480

Dry goods (large size): \$12,720

Tin Hau Temple Fung Shui Square (Tai Po)

Auction date: November 4 (Monday)

Number of stalls: 61

Stall types: Dry goods, wet goods and fast food

Opening prices:

Dry goods: \$1,450

Wet goods: \$2,270

Fast food: \$5,480

Tung Tau Industrial Area Playground (Yuen Long)

Auction date: November 5 (Tuesday)

Number of stalls: 158

AM session: Dry goods and wet goods (Stall Nos. 57 to 72)

PM session: Wet goods (Stall Nos. 77 to 156) and fast food

Opening prices:

Dry goods (regular size): \$1,350

Dry goods (large size): \$2,030

Wet goods: \$700

Fast food: \$5,480

Tin Hau Temple Plaza (Tuen Mun)

Auction date: November 6 (Wednesday)

Number of stalls: 57

Stall types: Wet goods, dry goods and fast food

Opening prices:

Wet goods: \$1,490

Dry goods: \$2,140

Fast food: \$2,740

Man Yee Playground (Sai Kung)

Auction date: November 7 (Thursday)

Number of stalls: 20

Stall types: Dry goods and wet goods

Opening prices:

Dry goods: \$450

Wet goods: \$380

Po Hong Park (Tseung Kwan O)

Auction date: November 7 (Thursday)

Number of stalls: 90

Stall types: Dry goods, wet goods and fast food

Opening prices:

Dry goods (regular size): \$1,540

Dry goods (large size): \$2,310

Wet goods: \$830

Fast food: \$4,570

Shek Wu Hui Playground (North District)

Auction date: November 8 (Friday)
Number of stalls: 73
Stall types: Wet goods and dry goods
Opening prices:
Wet goods: \$710
Dry goods (regular size): \$1,540
Dry goods (large size): \$2,310

Kwai Chung Sports Ground (Kwai Tsing)

Auction date: November 11 (Monday)
Number of stalls: 98
AM session: Wet goods (Stall Nos. 1 to 56)
PM session: Wet goods (Stall Nos. 57 to 76) and dry goods
Opening prices:
Wet goods: \$490
Dry goods (regular size): \$2,250
Dry goods (large size): \$3,380

Yuen Wo Playground (Sha Tin)

Auction date: November 12 (Tuesday)
Number of stalls: 75
Stall types: Dry goods and wet goods
Opening prices:
Dry goods (regular size): \$4,570
Dry goods (large size): \$6,860
Wet goods: \$3,580

Bidders for LNY fair stalls must be at least 18 years old and ordinarily reside in Hong Kong.

Anyone can bid for more than one stall. A bidder must pay the bid price and register in person with his or her own name as the licensee of the stall immediately after successfully bidding for a stall. The bidder is also required to sign at once a licence agreement with the FEHD, or he/she will forfeit the rights to operate the stall.

All fair sites will be made available to the licensees three days in advance of the fairs (from January 20 to 22, 2025) for the setting up of stalls. In the event of any unforeseeable incident that will cause reduction of the whole licence period (including the duration for setting up stalls and the business period of the fair), the Government has the right to postpone the commencement date and shorten the duration of the period. The bidding price (licence fee) paid will be refunded to the successful bidder on a pro-rata basis without interest.

Stall licensees must completely remove the stall structure and all paraphernalia, together with all refuse, debris and unsold commodities (whether damaged or otherwise), from the licensed area before 7am on January 29, 2025.

The FEHD reminded licensees that the stalls are solely for the purpose of selling and promoting the sale of the permitted commodities, and no other activities are allowed in the licensed area. If the FEHD considers that any activity conducted by the licensee to publicise, promote, display, show or sell any permitted commodities in the venue is unlawful, contrary to the interest of national security, immoral or incompatible with the object of the LNY fair, the FEHD is entitled to direct the licensee to stop conducting such activities, and the licensee must immediately comply with the direction.

Stall licensees should not destroy, damage or abandon any unsold commodities at or in the vicinity of the stall. They may surrender unsold flowers and plants left behind at the stall to the FEHD at no charge, cost or compensation whatsoever, before 7am on January 29, 2025.

According to the licence agreement, except inside designated stalls, licensees must not keep, store or use any compressed helium cylinder in the licensed area. Whereas licensees of the designated stalls may keep, store or use helium cylinders in the licensed area, the quantity of helium should be such that a licence is not required pursuant to the Dangerous Goods (Application and Exemption) Regulation 2012 (Cap. 295E), i.e. equivalent to 150 litres of helium. Sales of floating LED glowing balloons and aquarium fish by stall licensees are prohibited at the LNY fairs.

In addition, as stated in the licence agreement, the height of dry goods stalls must not exceed 3 metres from ground level. The height of wet goods stalls and fast food stalls must not exceed 4.5m from ground level. For wet goods stalls and fast food stalls with a height of more than 3m from ground level, the licensee must, at his own costs, provide the FEHD with the original certificate issued by an authorised person, a registered structural engineer, or a competent person under the Construction Sites (Safety) Regulations (Cap. 59I) to certify the structural safety of the structure in the licensed area before the fair is opened to the public. The licensee must also affix a copy of the aforesaid certificate on the structure of the stall.

Successful bidders shall comply with all the stipulations and provisions as set out in the licence agreement. Otherwise, the department is entitled to terminate the agreement and the licensee shall immediately vacate the stall.

Details of the 2025 LNY fairs, such as the public notice, the locations and layouts of the fair venues, commodities allowed for sale at the fair stalls, open auction arrangements and related rules, and a sample of the licence agreement, are available on the FEHD website (www.fehd.gov.hk). For enquiries, please call the FEHD hotline 2868 0000.