

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

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) today (November 17) reminded interested parties to join auctions that will start next Tuesday (November 23) for stalls at the 2022 Lunar New Year (LNY) fairs in the New Territories.

The nine LNY fairs will be held at Kwai Chung Sports Ground in Kwai Tsing, Sha Tsui Road Playground in Tsuen Wan, Shek Wu Hui Playground in North District, Man Yee Playground in Sai Kung, Po Hong Park in Tseung Kwan O, Yuen Wo Playground in Sha Tin, Tin Hau Temple Fung Shui Square in Tai Po, Tung Tau Industrial Area Playground in Yuen Long, and Tin Hau Temple Plaza in Tuen Mun, with a total of 545 wet goods stalls. No dry goods stalls and fast food stalls will be provided at the venues. Except for Tin Hau Temple Plaza LNY fair in Tuen Mun, the auctions for stalls of these LNY fairs will be held at the Assembly Hall, 2/F, Lai Chi Kok Government Offices, 19 Lai Wan Road, Lai Chi Kok, Kowloon, from November 23 to December 2. The auction sessions are scheduled from 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 December 7. The auction session is scheduled from 9.30am until completion of the auction.

Details of the auctions, the number of stalls and opening prices are as follows:

Kwai Chung Sports Ground (Kwai Tsing)

Auction date: November 23 (Tuesday)

Number of stalls: 76

Opening price: \$410

Sha Tsui Road Playground (Tsuen Wan)

Auction date: November 24 (Wednesday)

Number of stalls: 96

Opening price: \$1,480

Shek Wu Hui Playground (North District)

Auction date: November 25 (Thursday)

Number of stalls: 72

Opening price: \$600

Man Yee Playground (Sai Kung)

Auction date: November 26 (Friday)

Number of stalls: 16

Opening price: \$320

Po Hong Park (Tseung Kwan O)

Auction date: November 26 (Friday)

Number of stalls: 54

Opening price: \$700

Yuen Wo Playground (Sha Tin)

Auction date: November 29 (Monday)

Number of stalls: 49

Opening price: \$2,990

Tin Hau Temple Fung Shui Square (Tai Po)

Auction date: December 1 (Wednesday)

Number of stalls: 46

Opening price: \$1,900

Tung Tau Industrial Area Playground (Yuen Long)

Auction date: December 2 (Thursday)

Number of stalls: 96

Opening price: \$590

Tin Hau Temple Plaza (Tuen Mun)

Auction date: December 7 (Tuesday)

Number of stalls: 40

Opening price: \$1,250

Bidders for LNY fair stalls must be at least 18 years old and ordinarily reside in Hong Kong. Persons entering the auction venues are required to comply with the measures for the prevention of COVID-19 to be implemented at the auction venues, which include body temperature screening to be conducted before entering the venues and masks to be worn at all times while inside the venues. On the auction day, except for exempted persons, all persons are required to scan the "LeaveHomeSafe" venue QR code using the "LeaveHomeSafe" mobile application on their phones before entering an auction venue. Exempted persons are required to complete a form to register their name, the first four digits or letters of their identification document, their contact number and the date and time of their visit. They are also required to present relevant identification documents for verification by the on-site staff.

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.

The Government may without cause postpone the commencement date and shorten the duration of the licensed period (including the duration for setting up stalls and the business period of the fair), or suspend or cancel the LNY fair wholly or in part. The bidding price (licence fee) paid will be refunded to the affected licensee on a pro-rata basis without interest. The licensee and his/her employees or agents must vacate the licenced area no later than the time specified by the Government verbally (by way of press release, public announcement or other similar communications) or in writing.

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, immoral or incompatible with the object of the LNY fair, the FEHD is entitled to direct the licensee to stop conducting such activity and the licensee must immediately comply with such direction.

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 2022 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 as well as a sample of the licence agreement are available at the FEHD website (www.fehd.gov.hk). For enquiries, please call the FEHD hotline at 2868 0000.