

## Early closure of Ngau Chi Wan Market and Pei Ho Street Market tomorrow for deep cleaning and disinfection

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) today (July 16) announced that in view of some recent confirmed cases of coronavirus disease 2019 found to be related to Ngau Chi Wan Market and Pei Ho Street Market, to safeguard the health and safety of market stall tenants and the public, the two markets will be closed an hour earlier tomorrow at 7pm for deep cleaning and disinfection.

During the period, FEHD staff will thoroughly clean and disinfect communal areas and facilities in the markets, and call on cooperation of market tenants of the two markets to conduct cleaning and disinfection at their respective stalls, with a view to improving the overall hygienic condition of the markets. In addition, the FEHD will carry out deep cleaning work on the periphery of the markets and nearby streets. The cleaning and disinfection work is expected to last about four hours.

A spokesman for the FEHD said, "The FEHD has attached importance to the hygienic condition of public markets. In addition to regular cleaning work in the daytime, market service contractors also conduct thorough cleaning in all markets after the markets are closed every day.

"During this epidemic period, the FEHD has already stepped up cleaning and disinfection of communal areas and facilities in the markets, including toilets, escalators, elevators and stair handrails, with diluted household bleach regularly every day. Disinfectant hand sanitisers are also provided in the markets for public use."

The FEHD will continue to closely monitor the situation of each market, and will conduct deep cleaning and disinfection work in others markets if necessary so as to maintain environmental hygiene.