

[FEHD appeals for earnest participation in year-end clean-up campaign \(with photos\)](#)

To tie in with the tradition of cleaning up before the Lunar New Year, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) today (January 16) commenced a year-end clean-up campaign across the territory, and appealed to the public for their earnest participation and efforts to maintain cleanliness in the household, the community and public places to welcome the Year of the Dragon.

An FEHD spokesman said, "The annual year-end clean-up campaign started today and will last for 21 days to consolidate the efforts of keeping Hong Kong clean and maintain a clean and hygienic environment."

During the campaign period, the FEHD will step up the cleaning of public facilities under the department's management including markets, cooked food centres, hawker bazaars, public toilets and refuse collection points. Cleaning of problematic sites of illegal refuse dumping and other public cleanliness offences will also be enhanced. FEHD staff will step up inspections, cleaning and disinfection of communal areas and facilities in the markets, and remind stall tenants to clean up their stalls thoroughly.

In addition, the FEHD will conduct mosquito and rodent prevention and control operations targeting places such as old tenement buildings, streets, rear lanes, village houses and construction sites, according to each district's circumstances. In view of the upcoming implementation of municipal solid waste charging, the FEHD will assess the actual situation and consider increasing the number of temporary junk collection points in each district for residents to discard large items of household waste. Cleaning as well as refuse and bulky waste collection services at the refuse collection points in all districts will also be enhanced.

The spokesman added that to ensure the cleanliness of public places, the department will continue to strengthen enforcement action and issue fixed penalty notices to offenders in breach of the public cleanliness and obstruction regulations.

For more details about the efforts and work of the year-end clean-up campaign as well as information on environmental hygiene, please visit the FEHD website at www.fehd.gov.hk.

The spokesman stressed that maintaining a clean and hygienic community hinges on the co-operation and earnest participation of everyone. He called for the concerted efforts of every member of the public to maintain environmental hygiene and enjoy a clean environment in the coming Lunar New Year.

