## FEHD appeals for participation in year-end clean-up campaign (with photo)

To tie in with the tradition of cleaning up before the Lunar New Year, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) today (January 8) commenced a year-end clean-up campaign across the territory, and appealed to members of the public for their participation and efforts to maintain cleanliness in the household, the community and public places to welcome the Year of the Tiger.

An FEHD spokesman said, "The FEHD has launched an about three-week enhanced year-end clean-up operation from December 20, 2021, to step up street cleaning operations at complaint hotspots in all districts, combat illegal acts of shop front extensions, and strengthen rodent prevention and control work. To consolidate the efforts of keeping Hong Kong clean and containing the pandemic, the year-end clean-up campaign has been launched today aiming to maintain a clean and hygienic environment."

During the campaign period, the FEHD will step up the cleaning of venues and facilities under its management, including public markets, cooked food centres, hawker bazaars, public toilets and refuse collection points, etc. Cleaning of problematic sites of illegal refuse dumping and other public cleanliness offences will also be enhanced. FEHD staff will also step up inspection, cleaning and disinfection of communal areas and facilities in the markets, and remind stall tenants to clean 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. Temporary junk collection points will also be set up for residents to discard large items of household waste. Moreover, 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 regulation.

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 <a href="https://www.fehd.gov.hk">www.fehd.gov.hk</a>.

The spokesman stressed that maintaining a clean and hygienic community hinges on the co-operation and participation of everyone. He called for the concerted efforts of every member of the public to maintain environmental hygiene and fight the virus together.

