

FEHD arrests unlicensed hawkers for selling cable car ticket redemption vouchers

In response to the illegal hawking without licence of cable car tickets in Tung Chung, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) and the Lantau North Division of the Hong Kong Police Force conducted a joint operation against illegal hawking without licence at Mei Tung Street, Tung Chung today (January 30). During the operation, the police officers disguised as customers to gather evidence at the stalls located at the mentioned address. It was discovered that a man and a woman were selling Ngong Ping 360 cable car tickets. FEHD officers promptly intervened, arresting and charging the above-mentioned persons for illegal hawking without licence and causing obstruction in public place.

The arrested persons were a 49-year-old man and a 21-year-old woman (both holding Hong Kong identity cards). During the operation, FEHD officers seized items such as cable car ticket redemption vouchers, price tags, metal folding tables and Octopus Mobile POS (point of sale).

The FEHD reminds that according to the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance (Cap. 132), no one is allowed to trade on the streets unless he holds a valid hawker licence issued by the Department. Offenders will be prosecuted and, upon conviction, a maximum penalty of \$10,000 fine and six months' imprisonment will be imposed, and the commodities and equipment involved will be seized and confiscated. In addition, if the illegal hawking activities also cause obstruction to the public place, the offender will also be charged under the Summary Offences Ordinance (Cap. 228). Upon conviction, a maximum penalty of \$25,000 or three months' imprisonment will be imposed.

The FEHD will continue the discussions with relevant organisations and departments to address the issue at its source and curb the illegal hawking without licence of cable car tickets.