

# FEHD holds Anti-rodent Charter Kick-off Ceremony to encourage community participation in creating rodent-free environment

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) held the Anti-rodent Charter (the Charter) Kick-off Ceremony today (March 20) to commend the residential premises that signed the Charter, raise residents' awareness of environmental hygiene, and encourage them to work together to cultivate good habits for a rodent-free environment. The ceremony, with over five hundred participants, was officiated by the Acting Secretary for Environment and Ecology, Miss Diane Wong.

The FEHD first launched the Charter for residential buildings on December 31, 2024 and invited property management companies, owners' corporations, residents' organisations of private residential premises, the Hong Kong Housing Society, transitional housing, subsidised sales flats and Tenants Purchase Scheme estates to sign the Charter. Until now, 581 of them have signed the Charter.

Speaking at the kick-off ceremony, the Acting Secretary for Environment and Ecology, Miss Wong, said that rodent control and prevention has always been a vital mission, and that this government has developed feasible rodent control strategies and adopt the most efficient approaches to make optimal use of technology, manpower and resources to maximize the effects. The government's efforts alone will not suffice. To achieve this goal of a rodent-free environment, it will need our concerted effort on taking targeted measures to eliminate the fundamental survival conditions of rodents, namely food, habourage and passage.

Other officiating guests included the Chief Executive Officer of the Property Management Services Authority, Mr Alan Siu; the Deputy Director of FEHD (Environmental Hygiene), Mr Arsene Yiu; the Assistant Director of FEHD (Operations), Mr Peter Poon, and representatives from the property management and pest control sectors.

A rodent prevention and control seminar was held by the FEHD following the ceremony in the participation of about 350 Anti-rodent Liaison Ambassadors, presenting rodent control work by the department and introducing anti-rodent methods and tools. The venue also featured exhibition boards to introduce the Charter and provide information on rodent prevention and control.

The FEHD will continue to strengthen routine rodent prevention and control efforts by implementing targeted rodent prevention and control strategies to enhance efficiency and will also provide ongoing supports and technical advices on rodent control to relevant departments and sectors. The

FEHD will collaborate with district councilors to engage property management companies and vendors to communicate messages on rodent prevention more directly and effectively.

