

FEHD launches stepped-up year-end clean-up campaign (with photo)

In light of the latest developments of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) today (January 4) commenced a stepped-up year-end clean-up campaign six weeks before the Lunar New Year, aiming to arouse public awareness of maintaining personal hygiene and cleanliness in the community as well as consolidate the efforts of keeping Hong Kong clean and containing the pandemic.

An FEHD spokesman said, "The FEHD has launched this two-week stepped-up campaign prior to the territory wide annual year-end clean-up campaign in light of the ongoing pandemic. During these two weeks, street cleaning operations at complaint hotspots will be enhanced in all districts. The territory-wide year-end clean-up campaign will commence on January 18, following the stepped-up campaign."

He added, "During the stepped-up campaign, the FEHD will remind residents, shop owners and operators of food premises to pay attention to hygiene conditions in public areas through distributing pamphlets, giving advice and issuing warnings. Stringent enforcement actions will also be taken against offenders."

In collaboration with other government departments, the FEHD is rolling out the territory-wide anti-rodent campaign in two phases this year. The first phase was launched today and will run until March 12. The FEHD will continue to adopt multi-pronged strategies, including improving environmental hygiene and stepping up rodent disinfection and enforcement actions, for carrying out rodent prevention and control work.

To tie in with the commencement of the stepped-up campaign, a dedicated thematic website on the year-end clean-up campaign was launched today to consolidate the efforts and work of the FEHD's clean-up campaign. Regular updates of the work on anti-pandemic, rodent prevention and control, and handling of shop front extension problem will be reported. Meanwhile, the website will also provide useful information and advices on environmental hygiene for gaining public collaboration and understanding. For more information, please visit the FEHD website: www.fehd.gov.hk.

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

