

FSD holds Fire Safety Activities during Festive Season Campaign 2023 cum Sha Tin Fire Station and Ambulance Depot Open Day (with photos)

The Fire Services Department (FSD) today (December 17) held the Fire Safety Activities during Festive Season Campaign 2023 cum Sha Tin Fire Station and Ambulance Depot Open Day at the Sha Tin Fire Station and Ambulance Depot as one of the major activities of the Campaign. The event was co-organised by the FSD, the District Fire Safety Committee (Sha Tin District), and the Sha Tin District Office, with the participation of a number of collaborative partners to foster community efforts in promoting fire safety.

Speaking at the ceremony, the Deputy Director of Fire Services (Public Safety and Corporate Strategy), Mr Derek Armstrong Chan, said that the number of fires in winter has been higher than the average for other seasons over the past five years. In view of this, starting from December 11, the FSD held a series of fire safety promotional and educational activities in various districts. Coupled with fire safety inspection and enforcement operations, the events aim at enhancing public awareness on fire safety over the festive season across the community.

The Deputy Director of Fire Services (Operations), Mr Wong Chun-yip, led the FSD personnel, together with members of the Yau Tsim Mong Fire Safety Ambassador Honorary Presidents' Association and Yau Tsim Mong Fire Safety Ambassadors to visit the Yau Tsim Mong districts. They distributed pamphlets and souvenirs to the residents, old building households and hawker stall owners to disseminate fire safety messages.

One of the themes of the Campaign is the promotion of installing portable firefighting equipment (i.e. fire extinguishers and fire blankets) in household premises. The Fire Service (Installations and Equipment) (Amendment) Regulation 2023 has been enacted this year, in which some relevant statutory duties were exempted, including having the equipment inspected by registered fire service installation contractors every 12 months.

Equipping the public with skills to avoid and respond to fires caused by cooking and electrical faults is another theme of the Campaign. Installing with simulation tools, the FSD's promotional vehicle will visit various districts to demonstrate such skills.

The FSD appeals to members of the public to actively participate in fire prevention publicity activities and acquire fire safety knowledge during festive season celebrations. The public can also obtain the latest information regarding the Campaign via the FSD's social media platforms and

its mobile application.

