

Government again appeals to foreign domestic helpers to fight the virus together (with photo)

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) conducted joint operations with several government departments over the past weekend at popular places in different districts where foreign domestic helpers (FDHs) commonly gathered, and appealed to them to maintain awareness of epidemic prevention, keep the environment clean and hygienic, and comply with the various anti-epidemic regulations and restrictions, including the requirements on group gatherings and wearing of masks. The FEHD has initiated prosecution against illegal hawking activities during the operations. A spokesman for the FEHD today (January 10) again appeals to all sectors including FDHs to fight the virus together.

Over the past weekend, the FEHD, in collaboration with the Hong Kong Police Force, the Labour Department, the Immigration Department and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, conducted joint operations at the public places near popular FDH gathering places during weekends and public holidays, such as Tamar Park and Chater Road in Central; Victoria Park, East Coast Park (Phase 1) and Sugar Street in Wan Chai and the pedestrian footbridge at Mong Kok Road. Apart from arranging cleansing contractors to strengthen the street cleaning services at the relevant spots, the FEHD also steps up patrols to combat littering and unlicensed hawking activities. During the operation yesterday (January 9), FEHD officers initiated one prosecution against illegal hawking in public place in the vicinity of Victoria Park and effected two seizures of abandoned articles, including cooked food.

In addition, promotional leaflets in multiple languages are also distributed by the FEHD to appeal to FDHs to maintain environmental hygiene and refrain from conducting unlicensed hawking activities. Other government departments also distributed leaflets reminding FDHs to comply with the regulations on mask-wearing and prohibition of group gatherings in public places.

To minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission, the spokesman strongly appeals to all to stay vigilant and comply with the relevant regulations on prevention and control of disease in a concerted and persistent manner. The spokesman also reminds members of the public to exercise self-discipline and co-operate to fight the virus together.

