## <u>Government announces latest situation</u> <u>of fresh food supply from Mainland</u>

A Government spokesman announced today (February 20) that the supply of fresh food from the Mainland remained steady yesterday (February 19).

According to the latest information, the throughput volume of vegetables from the Mainland for supply to the local market through the wholesale markets of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) and the Vegetable Marketing Organization yesterday (as at midnight) was comparable to that of the day before, and stood at about 10 980 piculs (equivalent to about 664 000 kilograms), some 70 per cent of the volume of a normal day. The overall wholesale price increased slightly. The supply of chilled poultry and meat imported yesterday decreased slightly to around 60 per cent of that of a normal day.

As regards the supply of live pigs, the Sheung Shui Slaughterhouse was thoroughly disinfected yesterday. The live pig auction and slaughtering service have resumed normal.

The AFCD updates and publishes the fresh food supply information daily. Members of the public may visit the AFCD website for updates on daily supplies and wholesale prices of fresh food (<a href="www.afcd.gov.hk/english/agriculture/agr fresh/agr fresh.html">www.afcd.gov.hk/english/agriculture/agr fresh/agr fresh.html</a>).