

HA shopping centres' panda decorations to welcome Year of Snake (with photos)

The following is issued on behalf of the Hong Kong Housing Authority:

To welcome the Year of the Snake, the Hong Kong Housing Authority (HA) has put up festive New Year decorations featuring lovely pandas in its various commercial properties.

"To celebrate the joyous Lunar New Year, the HA's regional shopping centre in Yau Tong, Domain, features the theme 'Lion Dance, New Attire and Dream Building'. There are plenty of performances and festive decorations for all visitors to enjoy while they shop," said a spokesman for the HA today (January 26).

Domain dresses up the pandas in lion dance cape and features decorations of the crossover of pandas and lion dance, the latter being one aspect of Hong Kong's intangible cultural heritage. In collaboration with a renowned local designer of traditional Chinese attire, colourful light installations have been placed in the Atrium and Rooftop Garden. With advanced technology integrated with traditional Lunar New Year elements, Domain offers an immersive experience for all visitors.

There are also delightful panda decorations at the HA's Cheung Ching Commercial Complex in Tsing Yi, Queens Hill Shopping Centre in Sheung Shui, and Ching Long Shopping Centre in Kowloon City to enliven the festive mood.

To encourage and support young people in pursuing their entrepreneurial dreams, the HA launched the "Well Being&Start-up" Programme. This programme offers rent-free shop premises in HA shopping centres (including Domain, Kai Chuen Shopping Centre, Hoi Lai Shopping Centre, Shui Chuen 0 Plaza, Kwai Chung Shopping Centre, Lei Muk Shue Shopping Centre and Queens Hill Shopping Centre) to young people to trial their business plans.

To celebrate the New Year, members of Domain Club may redeem a set of lai see packets with 300 bonus points or two sets with 500 bonus points from now on while stocks last at Domain. Inside each lai see is a 10 per cent off coupon for shopping at 14 of the participating shops under the "Well Being&Start-up" Programme. Shoppers can support local young start-ups at the start of the happy new year.

In addition, Domain will organise a Lunar New Year Fair and evening street performances at the Open Plaza from January 22 to 28. There will also be two special weekend events on February 2 and 9, respectively, featuring parades of the God of Wealth and lion dance performances.

"To attract patronage to the HA's retail provisions, free parking will be offered to shoppers who spend a designated amount at the HA's retail

facilities, restaurants or wet markets. Also, Domain and Yau Lai Shopping Centre will provide free parking for members of Domain Club, subject to specified spending requirements. For more details, please refer to the notices at the shopping centres," the spokesman added.



