

Hong Kong and Beijing sign co-operation agreement on food safety (with photo)

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) and the Beijing Institute of Food Inspection and Research (Beijing Municipal Center for Food Safety Monitoring and Risk Assessment) yesterday (November 29) signed an agreement on Hong Kong and Beijing technical co-operation in securing food safety (co-operation agreement). The co-operation agreement was signed by the Controller of the CFS, Dr Christine Wong, and the Director of the Beijing Institute of Food Inspection and Research, Mr Geng Jianqiang.

The co-operation agreement seeks to deepen the technical exchanges and co-operation between Hong Kong and Beijing on food safety protection, covering many areas including regulations and standards research, food safety risk exchange, food inspection technical exchange and personnel exchange, with a view to further implementing the Co-operation Framework Agreement on Hong Kong and Beijing Food Safety Exchange signed by the Environment and Ecology Bureau of the HKSAR Government and the Beijing Municipal Market Regulation Administration (Office of Beijing Municipal Food and Drug Safety Committee).

A spokesman for the CFS said, "With the co-operation agreement, we expect to deepen co-operation in the field of food safety between Beijing and Hong Kong, establish a technical collaboration relationship, give full play to the respective advantages in food safety management and promote the improvement of technical support level of food safety in both places."

