## **Hong Kong Flower Show 2022 commercial** stalls to be auctioned on December 29

Auctions for the Hong Kong Flower Show (HKFS) 2022 commercial stalls will be held on December 29 (Wednesday) at Lockhart Road Sports Centre at 11/F, Lockhart Road Municipal Services Building, 225 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai.

Bidders must be 18 years old or above and ordinarily resident in Hong Kong under section 2 of the Immigration Ordinance (Cap. 115). Any company incorporated in Hong Kong can also take part in the auctions. Each bidder can bid for one stall or more stalls.

Organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), the 10-day flower show will be held from March 11 to 20, 2022, at Victoria Park.

There will be 33 commercial stalls in the showground. In view of the anti-epidemic measures against COVID-19, there will be no food and drink-related stalls in the flower show this year. The stall types are as follows:

- (1) Flower and gardening stall (5 metres x 5m): 29
- (2) Handicraft stall (5m x 5m): 2
- (3) Book stall (5m x 10m): 1
- (4) Photographic equipment stall (5m x 5m): 1

In light of the economic downturn, upset prices of HKFS 2022 commercial stalls have been maintained at half of the upset prices for HKFS 2019 with the aim of supporting small and medium-sized enterprises. Details of the auctions are as follows:

Auction time: 1pm to 6pm

The upset prices for each stall type are as follows:

- (1) Flower and gardening stall: \$11,370
- (2) Handicraft stall: \$11,370
- (3) Book stall: \$7,750
- (4) Photographic equipment stall: \$11,370

The licensee is required to pay a new security deposit (\$4,360 for each stall) as security for the due and proper performance of the licensee in compliance with the agreement. The security deposit will be refunded to the licensee after the show.

Location and layout plans showing the commercial stalls to be auctioned are on display at the following venues:

- (1) All District Leisure Services Offices of the LCSD;
- (2) The Lift Lobby at 11/F, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters, 1-3 Pai Tau Street, Sha Tin; and

## (3) All Home Affairs Enquiry Centres of the Home Affairs Department.

The LCSD reminds licensees that the stalls are solely for the purpose of selling and promoting the sale of the permitted commodities, and no other activities are allowed in the licensed area. If the LCSD considers that any activity conducted by the licensee to publicise, promote, display, show or sell any permitted commodities in the venue is unlawful, immoral or incompatible with the object of the HKFS, the LCSD is entitled to direct the licensee to stop conducting such an activity and the licensee must immediately comply with such direction.

Successful bidders must comply with all the stipulations and provisions as set out in the licence agreement. Otherwise, the department is entitled to prohibit the licensee from future bidding, issue a default notice to deduct the security deposit and terminate the agreement and the licensee shall immediately vacate the stall.

The LCSD will implement a series of infection prevention and control measures at the HKFS as detailed in the Attachment. Amongst other measures, a licensee and his/her staff deployed to work at the stall must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 or undergo a polymerase chain reaction-based nucleic acid test for COVID-19 at their own cost within 48 hours prior to the first entry to the place and every subsequent 14 days thereafter. Combined nasal and throat swab samples collected by professionals shall be used as specimens for the test. A licensee and his/her staff must keep the vaccination records or the SMS notifications containing the negative test results as proof and make such records or SMS notifications available for LCSD staff members' checking before and throughout the show. Moreover, the licensees are required to provide hand sanitisers at the stalls, to carry out regular cleaning and disinfection of their stalls, as well to provide a list of staff and their contact information for tracing of any confirmed cases.

"Depending on the development of the epidemic situation of COVID-19, the anti-epidemic measures at the HKFS may be subject to change. The LCSD may also adjust the scale and opening hours of the show, tighten the admission requirements for members of the public or even cancel the event. Interested parties should fully consider all these factors before participating in the auction," a spokesman for the LCSD said.

On the auction day, persons entering the auction venue are required to comply with the measures for the prevention of COVID-19 to be implemented at the venue, which include body temperature screening to be conducted before entering the venue and masks to be worn at all times while inside the venue. Except for exempted persons, all persons are required to scan the "LeaveHomeSafe" venue QR code using the "LeaveHomeSafe" mobile application on their phones before entering the auction venue. Exempted persons are required to complete a record form to register their personal particulars and the date and time of their visits. They are also required to present relevant identification documents for verification by the on-site staff.

www.hkflowershow.hk/en/hkfs/2022/commercial.html.