

Lunar New Year Fair sites cleaned up (with photos)

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) today (January 25) collected an estimated total of 122 tonnes of refuse at 15 Lunar New Year (LNY) Fair sites throughout Hong Kong, among which some 14 tonnes were collected at the Victoria Park LNY Fair.

A spokesman for the FEHD said that the department continued its collaboration with the Environmental Campaign Committee and the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) to organise "Green LNY Fairs" this year. In addition to the collection of general recyclables including waste paper, plastics and metals, collection of other recyclable items also continued in all 15 LNY Fair sites to cover bamboo sticks, wooden pallets, polyfoam and wilted or unsold flowers. To enhance recycling of resources, food waste at nine LNY Fair sites with fast food stalls were also collected.

About 57 tonnes of bamboo sticks, three tonnes of wooden pallets, 14 tonnes of wilted or unsold flowers as well as one tonne of food waste were collected while the quantities of polyfoam collected are being verified. The EPD will make arrangement for putting all recyclables to their best use through recycling or donation to other organisations and members of the public. Meanwhile, a total of 1218 pots of flowers and plants gathered in the fairs were delivered to 197 elderly homes/residential care homes for persons with disabilities and eight public hospitals today by 22 volunteer teams made up of FEHD staff.

The department deployed 201 staff members, 33 refuse collection vehicles and street cleaning vehicles to clean up the Victoria Park venue. The other 14 LNY Fair sites were cleaned up by the department's cleansing contractors. All site clearance work was completed at about 5pm. After thorough cleansing, the venues were restored to their original state.



