

Lunar New Year fair stall auctions to start in early November

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) announced today (October 23) that stalls at the 2019 Lunar New Year (LNY) fairs will be put up for open auction starting from November 5.

The LNY fairs are to be held at 15 locations and will be open for seven days from January 30 to February 5, 2019. A total of 1 154 wet goods stalls, 854 dry goods stalls, eight thematic stalls and 17 fast food stalls will be put up for auction.

The opening prices range from \$630 to \$10,880 for wet goods stalls, \$750 to \$14,230 for dry goods stalls, and \$7,610 to \$374,850 for fast food stalls.

Apart from wet goods, dry goods and fast food stalls, eight thematic stalls will also be set up in the Victoria Park LNY Fair to sell festive commodities such as LNY food, spring couplets (fai chun), LNY decorations and other goods. The auction for these thematic stalls, with an opening price of \$41,650, will take place in the AM session of the second auction day (November 6) for the Victoria Park LNY Fair.

The six fairs on Hong Kong Island, in Islands District and in Kowloon will provide 502 wet goods stalls, 561 dry goods stalls, eight thematic stalls and 11 fast food stalls. The fairs will be located at Victoria Park in Causeway Bay, Tat Tung Road Garden in Tung Chung, Fa Hui Park and Cheung Sha Wan Playground in Sham Shui Po, Morse Park in Wong Tai Sin and Kwun Tong Recreation Ground.

The auction for stalls of the LNY fair in Victoria Park will be held for four days from November 5 to 8 (Monday to Thursday) at the Assembly Hall, Lai Chi Kok Government Offices, 19 Lai Wan Road, Lai Chi Kok, Kowloon. The first auction day (November 5) is scheduled for fast food stalls and wet goods stalls, the second auction day (November 6) is scheduled for thematic stalls and dry goods stalls and the third and fourth auction days (November 7 and 8) are scheduled for dry goods stalls. Due to the limited number of seats, those who are interested in bidding for the specific types of stalls at the Victoria Park LNY fair are invited to participate in the auction at the Lai Chi Kok Government Offices on the designated auction date. The auctions for stalls of the Sham Shui Po, Wong Tai Sin and Kwun Tong fairs will also be held at the Assembly Hall, Lai Chi Kok Government Offices, from November 13 to 16. The auction sessions are scheduled from 9am to 12.30pm (AM session) and 2pm until completion of the auction (PM session).

The auction for stalls of Tat Tung Road Garden LNY Fair in Tung Chung will be held at Rooms 1413 and 1414, Harbour Building, 38 Pier Road, Central, on November 9 (Friday). The auction session is scheduled from 9.30am until completion of the auction.

Details of the auctions and opening prices are as follows:

Victoria Park (Causeway Bay)

Auction date: November 5 (Monday)

AM session: Fast food and wet goods (Stall Nos. 301 to 372)

PM session: Wet goods (Stall Nos. 373 to 480)

Opening prices:

Fast food: \$374,850 (Stall size: 7.6m x 4.8m)

Fast food: \$200,780 (Stall size: 5m x 4m)

Wet goods: \$10,880

Auction date: November 6 (Tuesday)

AM session: Thematic goods and dry goods (Stall Nos. 1 to 40)

PM session: Dry goods (Stall Nos. 41 to 88)

Opening prices:

Thematic goods: \$41,650 (Stall size: 6m x 1.5m)

Dry goods: \$14,230

Auction date: November 7 (Wednesday)

AM session: Dry goods (Stall Nos. 93 to 140)

PM session: Dry goods (Stall Nos. 141 to 148 and 153 to 192)

Opening price:

Dry goods: \$14,230

Auction date: November 8 (Thursday)

AM session: Dry goods (Stall Nos. 193 to 208 and 213 to 246)

PM session: Dry goods (Stall Nos. 247 to 268 and 273 to 300)

Opening price:

Dry goods: \$14,230

Tat Tung Road Garden (Tung Chung)

Auction date: November 9 (Friday)

Stall types: Wet goods and dry goods

Opening prices:

Wet goods: \$630

Dry goods: \$750

Fa Hui Park (Sham Shui Po)

Auction date: November 13 (Tuesday)

AM session: Wet goods

PM session: Fast food and dry goods

Opening prices:

Wet goods: \$5,900

Fast food: \$67,440 (Stall size: 7.6m x 4.8m)

Fast food: \$29,140 (Stall size: 5m x 3m)

Dry goods: \$13,000

Morse Park (Wong Tai Sin)

Auction date: November 14 (Wednesday)
AM session: Wet goods
PM session: Fast food and dry goods
Opening prices:
Wet goods: \$2,500
Fast food: \$16,670 (Stall size: 7.6m x 4.8m)
Dry goods: \$2,290

Kwun Tong Recreation Ground (Kwun Tong)

Auction date: November 15 (Thursday)
AM session: Wet goods
PM session: Fast food and dry goods
Opening prices:
Wet goods: \$3,640
Fast food: \$10,100 (Stall size: 7.6m x 4.8m)
Dry goods: \$3,550

Cheung Sha Wan Playground (Sham Shui Po)

Auction date: November 16 (Friday)
AM session: Wet goods
PM session: Fast food and dry goods
Opening prices:
Wet goods: \$830
Fast food: \$7,610 (Stall size: 7.6m x 4.8m)
Dry goods: \$920

In the New Territories, 652 wet goods stalls, 293 dry goods stalls and six fast food stalls will be set up at nine fairs. They are located at Sha Tsui Road Playground in Tsuen Wan, Yuen Wo Playground in Sha Tin, Kwai Chung Sports Ground in Kwai Tsing, Tung Tau Industrial Area Playground in Yuen Long, Shek Wu Hui Playground in North District, Tin Hau Temple Plaza in Tuen Mun, Tin Hau Temple Fung Shui Square in Tai Po, Man Yee Playground in Sai Kung and Po Hong Park in Tseung Kwan O. Details of the auctions for these stalls, to be held at 9.30am until completion on November 19, 20, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28 and 30 are as follows:

Sha Tsui Road Playground (Tsuen Wan)

Auction date: November 19 (Monday)
Auction venue: Assembly Hall, Lai Chi Kok Government Offices
Stall types: Dry goods and wet goods
Opening prices:
Dry goods: \$14,140
Wet goods: \$2,950

Yuen Wo Playground (Sha Tin)

Auction date: November 20 (Tuesday)
Auction venue: Wo Che Community Hall, Sha Tin
Stall types: Dry goods and wet goods
Opening prices:
Dry goods: \$7,610
Wet goods: \$5,970

Kwai Chung Sports Ground (Kwai Tsing)

Auction date: November 22 (Thursday)
Auction venue: Assembly Hall, Lai Chi Kok Government Offices
Stall types: Dry goods and wet goods
Opening prices:
Dry goods: \$3,750
Wet goods: \$820

Tung Tau Industrial Area Playground (Yuen Long)

Auction date: November 23 (Friday)
Auction venue: Yuen Long Town East Community Hall
Stall types: Dry goods, wet goods and fast food
Opening prices:
Dry goods: \$2,250
Wet goods: \$1,170
Fast food: \$9,130 (Stall size: 5m x 4m)

Shek Wu Hui Playground (North District)

Auction date: November 26 (Monday)
Auction venue: Luen Wo Hui Community Hall, Fanling
Stall types: Dry goods and wet goods
Opening prices:
Dry goods: \$2,560
Wet goods: \$1,190

Tin Hau Temple Plaza (Tuen Mun)

Auction date: November 27 (Tuesday)
Auction venue: Tseng Choi Street Community Hall, Tuen Mun
Stall types: Dry goods, wet goods and fast food
Opening prices:
Dry goods: \$3,570
Wet goods: \$2,490
Fast food: \$9,130 (Stall size: 7.6m x 4.8m)

Tin Hau Temple Fung Shui Square (Tai Po)

Auction date: November 28 (Wednesday)
Auction venue: Tai Po Community Centre
Stall types: Dry goods, wet goods and fast food
Opening prices:

Dry goods: \$2,410
Wet goods: \$3,790
Fast food: \$9,130 (Stall size: 5m x 4m)

Man Yee Playground (Sai Kung)

Auction date: November 30 (Friday)
Auction venue: Hang Hau Community Hall, Sai Kung
Stall types: Dry goods and wet goods
Opening prices:
Dry goods: \$750
Wet goods: \$630

Po Hong Park (Tseung Kwan O)

Auction date: November 30 (Friday)
Auction venue: Hang Hau Community Hall, Sai Kung
Stall types: Dry goods, wet goods and fast food
Opening prices:
Dry goods: \$2,560
Wet goods: \$1,390
Fast food: \$7,610 (Stall size: 5m x 4m)

Bidders for LNY fair stalls must be at least 18 years old and ordinarily resident in Hong Kong.

Anyone can bid for more than one stall. A bidder must pay the bid price and register in person with his or her own name as the licensee of the stall immediately after successfully bidding for a stall. The bidder is also required to sign at once a licence agreement with the FEHD, or will forfeit the rights to operate the stall.

All fair sites will be made available three days in advance for the setting up of stalls from January 27 to 29, 2019. In the event of any unforeseeable incident that will cause reduction of the whole licence period (including the duration for setting up and the fair), the Government will have a right to postpone the commencement date and shorten the duration of the period. The bidding price (licence fee) paid will be refunded to the successful bidder on a pro-rata basis without interest payment.

Stall licensees must completely remove the stall structure and all paraphernalia, together with all refuse, debris and unsold commodities (whether damaged or otherwise) from the licensed area before 7am on February 5 (9am for the Victoria Park LNY Fair).

Stall licensees should not destroy, damage or abandon any unsold commodities at or in the vicinity of the stall. They may surrender unsold flowers and plants left behind at the stall to the FEHD at no charge, cost or compensation whatsoever, before 7am on February 5 (9am for the Victoria Park LNY Fair).

According to the licence agreement, except inside designated stalls, licensees shall not keep or store or use helium cylinders in the licenced area. Whereas licensees of designated stalls could keep or store or use helium cylinders in the licenced area, the quantity of helium should be such that a licence is not required pursuant to Regulation 74 of the Dangerous Goods (General) Regulations (Cap 295B), i.e. one cylinder of helium deemed to be equivalent to 5 litres of helium.

In addition, sales of floating LED glowing balloons and aquarium fish by stall licensees are prohibited at the LNY fairs.

An FEHD spokesman said, "Successful bidders shall comply with all the stipulations and provisions as set out in the licence agreement. Otherwise, the department is entitled to terminate the agreement and the licensee shall immediately vacate the stall."

Details of the 2019 LNY fairs such as the public notice, the locations and layouts of the fair venues, commodities allowed for sale at the fair stalls, open auction arrangements and related rules, and a sample of the licence agreement are available at the FEHD website (www.fehd.gov.hk). For enquiries, please call the FEHD hotline 2868 0000.