<u>Lunar New Year fair stall auctions to</u> <u>start this month</u>

â€<The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) announced today (October 9) that stalls at the 2025 Lunar New Year (LNY) fairs will be put up for open auction in batches starting from October 22 (Tuesday).

The LNY fairs are to be held at 15 locations and will be open for seven days from January 23 to 29, 2025. A total of 910 wet goods stalls, 633 dry goods stalls and 27 fast food stalls will be provided.

The upset prices range from \$380 to \$6,530 for wet goods stalls, \$450 to \$8,540 for dry goods stalls (regular size), \$680 to \$12,810 for dry goods stalls (large size) and \$2,290 to \$120,470 for fast food stalls.

The six fairs on Hong Kong Island, in Islands District and in Kowloon will be located at Victoria Park in Causeway Bay, Tat Tung Road Garden in Tung Chung, Cheung Sha Wan Playground and Fa Hui Park in Sham Shui Po, Tsz Wan Shan Estate Central Playground in Wong Tai Sin and Kwun Tong Recreation Ground in Kwun Tong. A total of 812 stalls will be put up for auction.

The auction for stalls of the LNY fair in Victoria Park will be held for three days from October 22 to 24 (Tuesday to Thursday) at the Assembly Hall, 2/F, Lai Chi Kok Government Offices, 19 Lai Wan Road, Lai Chi Kok, Kowloon. The first auction day (October 22) is scheduled for fast food stalls and wet goods stalls, while the second auction day (October 23) and the third auction day (October 24) are scheduled for dry goods stalls. The auction sessions are scheduled from 9am to 12.30pm (AM session) and 2pm until completion of the auction (PM session). Due to the limited number of seats, those who are interested in bidding for a specific type of stalls at the Victoria Park LNY fair are invited to participate in the respective auction at the Lai Chi Kok Government Offices on the designated date.

The auction for stalls of Tat Tung Road Garden LNY Fair in Tung Chung will be held at the above-mentioned venue on October 25 (Friday). The auction session is scheduled from 9.30am until completion of the auction.

The auctions for stalls of the LNY fairs in Cheung Sha Wan Playground and Fa Hui Park in Sham Shui Po, Tsz Wan Shan Estate Central Playground in Wong Tai Sin and Kwun Tong Recreation Ground in Kwun Tong will be held at the above-mentioned venue from October 28 to 31. The auction sessions are scheduled from 9am or 9.30am to 12.30pm (AM session) and 2pm until completion of the auction (PM session).

Details of the auctions are as follows:

Victoria Park (Causeway Bay)

Number of stalls: 395 Auction date: October 22 (Tuesday) AM session: Fast food (Stall Nos. A to D) and wet goods (Stall Nos. 217 to 276) PM session: Wet goods (Stall Nos. 277 to 391) Opening prices: Fast food: \$120,470 Wet goods: \$6,530 Auction date: October 23 (Wednesday) AM session: Dry goods (Stall Nos. 1 to 20 and 51 to 76) PM session: Dry goods (Stall Nos. 21 to 40 and 77 to 109) Opening prices: Dry goods (regular size): \$8,540 Dry goods (large size): \$12,810 Auction date: October 24 (Thursday) AM session: Dry goods (Stall Nos. 41 to 50 and 110 to 168) PM session: Dry goods (Stall Nos. 169 to 216) Opening price: Dry goods (regular size): \$8,540 Dry goods (large size): \$12,810 Tat Tung Road Garden (Tung Chung) Auction date: October 25 (Friday) Number of stalls: 27 Stall types: Wet goods and dry goods Opening prices: Wet goods: \$380 Dry goods (regular size): \$450 Dry goods (large size): \$680 Cheung Sha Wan Playground (Sham Shui Po) Auction date: October 28 (Monday) Number of stalls: 89 AM session: Wet goods PM session: Fast food and dry goods Opening prices: Wet goods: \$500 Fast food: \$2,290 Dry goods (regular size): \$550 Dry goods (large size): \$830 Fa Hui Park (Sham Shui Po) Auction date: October 29 (Tuesday) Number of stalls: 136 AM session: Wet goods

PM session: Fast food and dry goods Opening prices: Wet goods: \$3,540 Fast food: \$17,480 Dry goods (regular size): \$7,800 Dry goods (large size): \$11,700 Tsz Wan Shan Estate Central Playground (Wong Tai Sin) Auction date: October 30 (Wednesday) Number of stalls: 76 AM session: Wet goods PM session: Fast food and dry goods Opening prices: Wet goods: \$1,500 Fast food: \$5,000 Dry goods (regular size): \$1,370 Dry goods (large size): \$2,060 Kwun Tong Recreation Ground (Kwun Tong) Auction date: October 31 (Thursday) Number of stalls: 89 AM session: Wet goods PM session: Fast food and dry goods Opening prices: Wet goods: \$2,180 Fast food: \$3,030 Dry goods (regular size): \$2,130 Dry goods (large size): \$3,200

In the New Territories, 521 wet goods stalls, 230 dry goods stalls and seven fast food stalls will be set up at nine fairs. They are located at Sha Tsui Road Playground in Tsuen Wan, Tin Hau Temple Fung Shui Square in Tai Po, Tung Tau Industrial Area Playground in Yuen Long, Tin Hau Temple Plaza in Tuen Mun, Man Yee Playground in Sai Kung, Po Hong Park in Tseung Kwan O, Shek Wu Hui Playground in North District, Kwai Chung Sports Ground in Kwai Tsing and Yuen Wo Playground in Sha Tin.

The auctions for stalls of the LNY fairs in Tsuen Wan, Yuen Long and Kwai Tsing will be held at the Assembly Hall, 2/F, Lai Chi Kok Government Offices, on November 1, 5 and 11. The auction sessions are scheduled from 9am to 12.30pm (AM session) and 2pm until completion of the auction (PM session).

The auctions for stalls of the LNY fairs in Tai Po, Sai Kung and Tseung Kwan O, North District and Sha Tin will be held at the above-mentioned venue on November 4, 7, 8 and 12. The auction session is scheduled from 9am or 9.30am until completion of the auction.

The auction for stalls of Tin Hau Temple Plaza LNY fair in Tuen Mun will be held at Tseng Choi Street Community Hall, 27 Tseng Choi Street, Tuen Mun,

on November 6. The auction session is scheduled from 9.30am until completion of the auction. Details of the auctions are as follows: Sha Tsui Road Playground (Tsuen Wan) Auction date: November 1 (Friday) Number of stalls: 126 AM session: Wet goods (Stall Nos. 1 to 64) PM session: Wet goods (Stall Nos. 65 to 96) and dry goods Opening prices: Wet goods: \$1,770 Dry goods (regular size): \$8,480 Dry goods (large size): \$12,720 Tin Hau Temple Fung Shui Square (Tai Po) Auction date: November 4 (Monday) Number of stalls: 61 Stall types: Dry goods, wet goods and fast food Opening prices: Dry goods: \$1,450 Wet goods: \$2,270 Fast food: \$5,480 Tung Tau Industrial Area Playground (Yuen Long) Auction date: November 5 (Tuesday) Number of stalls: 158 AM session: Dry goods and wet goods (Stall Nos. 57 to 72) PM session: Wet goods (Stall Nos. 77 to 156) and fast food Opening prices: Dry goods (regular size): \$1,350 Dry goods (large size): \$2,030 Wet goods: \$700 Fast food: \$5,480 Tin Hau Temple Plaza (Tuen Mun) Auction date: November 6 (Wednesday) Number of stalls: 57 Stall types: Wet goods, dry goods and fast food Opening prices: Wet goods: \$1,490 Dry goods: \$2,140 Fast food: \$2,740 Man Yee Playground (Sai Kung)

Auction date: November 7 (Thursday)

Number of stalls: 20 Stall types: Dry goods and wet goods Opening prices: Dry goods: \$450 Wet goods: \$380 Po Hong Park (Tseung Kwan 0) Auction date: November 7 (Thursday) Number of stalls: 90 Stall types: Dry goods, wet goods and fast food Opening prices: Dry goods (regular size): \$1,540 Dry goods (large size): \$2,310 Wet goods: \$830 Fast food: \$4,570 Shek Wu Hui Playground (North District) Auction date: November 8 (Friday) Number of stalls: 73 Stall types: Wet goods and dry goods Opening prices: Wet goods: \$710 Dry goods (regular size): \$1,540 Dry goods (large size): \$2,310 Kwai Chung Sports Ground (Kwai Tsing) Auction date: November 11 (Monday) Number of stalls: 98 AM session: Wet goods (Stall Nos. 1 to 56) PM session: Wet goods (Stall Nos. 57 to 76) and dry goods Opening prices: Wet goods: \$490 Dry goods (regular size): \$2,250 Dry goods (large size): \$3,380 Yuen Wo Playground (Sha Tin) Auction date: November 12 (Tuesday) Number of stalls: 75 Stall types: Dry goods and wet goods Opening prices: Dry goods (regular size): \$4,570 Dry goods (large size): \$6,860 Wet goods: \$3,580

Bidders for LNY fair stalls must be at least 18 years old and ordinarily reside 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 he/she will forfeit the rights to operate the stall.

All fair sites will be made available to the licensees three days in advance of the fairs (from January 20 to 22, 2025) for the setting up of stalls. In the event of any unforeseeable incident that will cause reduction of the whole licence period (including the duration for setting up stalls and the business period of the fair), the Government has the 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 prorata basis without interest.

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 January 29, 2025 (9am for the Victoria Park LNY Fair).

The FEHD reminded 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 FEHD considers that any activity conducted by the licensee to publicise, promote, display, show or sell any permitted commodities in the venue is unlawful, contrary to the interest of national security, immoral or incompatible with the object of the LNY fair, the FEHD is entitled to direct the licensee to stop conducting such activities, and the licensee must immediately comply with the direction.

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 January 29, 2025 (9am for the Victoria Park LNY Fair).

According to the licence agreement, except inside designated stalls, licensees must not keep, store or use any compressed helium cylinder in the licensed area. Whereas licensees of the designated stalls may keep, store or use helium cylinders in the licensed area, the quantity of helium should be such that a licence is not required pursuant to the Dangerous Goods (Application and Exemption) Regulation 2012 (Cap. 295E), i.e. equivalent to 150 litres of helium. Sales of floating LED glowing balloons and aquarium fish by stall licensees are prohibited at the LNY fairs.

In addition, as stated in the licence agreement, the height of dry goods stalls must not exceed three metres from ground level. The height of wet goods stalls and fast food stalls must not exceed 4.5m from ground level. For wet goods stalls and fast food stalls with a height of more than 3m from ground level, the licensee must, at his own costs, provide the FEHD with the original certificate issued by an authorised person, a registered structural engineer, or a competent person under the Construction Sites (Safety) Regulations (Cap. 59I) to certify the structural safety of the structure in the licensed area before the fair is opened to the public. The licensee must also affix a copy of the aforesaid certificate on the structure of the stall.

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 2025 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 on the FEHD website (<u>www.fehd.gov.hk</u>). For enquiries, please call the FEHD hotline 2868 0000.