

Open auctions for public market stalls to be held December 20

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) announced today (December 13) that open auctions for a total of 21 stalls in the Lai Wan Market and the Aberdeen Market will be held on December 20 (Wednesday).

A spokesman for the FEHD said, "The Lai Wan Market and the Aberdeen Market are projects of the Market Modernisation Programme, with multiple modernised facilities and management arrangements introduced. We believe that these two Markets will offer diversified products and services to members of the public."

The types of stalls of the Lai Wan Market to be auctioned cover fruits, food-related dry goods (including, inter alia, Southeast Asian food, and vermicelli and noodles(raw)) wet goods and non-food related dry goods etc. The types of stalls of the Aberdeen Market to be auctioned cover seawater fish, vegetables, food-related dry goods and wet goods, ready-to-eat food, service trades (including barber (haircutting only), manicures, beauty and Chinese medicine practitioners), etc.

The tenancy agreement of Lai Wan Market and Aberdeen Market is a three-year fixed term from January 1, 2024, with no right of automatic renewal upon expiry of the tenancy agreement. However, signing of a new tenancy agreement can be arranged upon mutual agreement. The upset prices of the monthly rent of the stalls vary depending on the sizes and locations of the individual stalls. Relevant information is available on the FEHD website.

The Lai Wan Market is expected to reopen before Lunar New Year in 2024 at the earliest, and the FEHD will announce the exact date for opening the market for business in due course. The tenants of the Lai Wan Market can start decorating and making other preparations starting from January 1, 2024, and the rent will be adjusted according to the opening date of the market.

Bidders for the market stalls must be at least 18 years old and ordinarily reside in Hong Kong. To allow more people to bid for the stalls and increase customer choices by enhancing diversity in terms of the variety of stalls, any person shall only be allowed to bid for one stall in the same market (Lai Wan Market or Aberdeen Market). Any person who is currently a stall tenant of the Aberdeen Market is allowed to bid on a stall in the Aberdeen Market in the auction, but shall deliver vacant possession of the current stall to the FEHD before the effective date of commencement of the tenancy agreement. The terms and conditions of the auctions have been uploaded on the FEHD website, with details of qualifications of the bidders listed.

The date and venue of the auctions and the number of stalls are as follows:

Lai Wan Market

Auction date: December 20 (Wednesday) (am)

Auction venue: Room 410, 4/F, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Nam Cheong Offices and Vehicle Depot, 87 Yen Chow Street West, Kowloon

Number of stalls: nine

Aberdeen Market

Auction date: December 20 (Wednesday) (pm)

Auction venue: Room 410, 4/F, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Nam Cheong Offices and Vehicle Depot, 87 Yen Chow Street West, Kowloon

Number of stalls: 12

Limited seats are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The admission tickets will be issued 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the auction. Persons who want to attend the auctions must wait at the waiting area of the auction venue and produce their Hong Kong identity card or passport for registration. The registered person will then be provided with an admission ticket for the auctions. In addition, eligible bidders after verification will be issued with a bidding paddle for the auction. The FEHD has also invited representatives of the Police, the Independent Commission Against Corruption and the Competition Commission to monitor the auctions at the auction venue in order to ensure that the open auctions are conducted in an orderly and fair manner.

Details of the open auctions as well as of the public market stalls concerned have been uploaded to the FEHD website (www.fehd.gov.hk/english/pleasant_environment/tidy_market/open_auction_coming.html). Bidders interested in the auctions may visit the department's website or contact the respective District Environmental Hygiene Office.