

Open auctions for public market stalls to be held in mid-December

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) announced today (December 10) that in order to put vacant stalls in public markets to more effective use and to provide job opportunities for the grassroots, open auctions for a total of 101 vacant stalls in 27 public markets will be held in mid-December.

The retail commodities allowed for sale in these stalls cover non-food-related dry or wet goods, food-related dry or wet goods, fresh meat, fish, siu mei and lo mei, light refreshment, etc. The tenancy agreement is a one-year fixed term from January 2022, with no right of renewal upon expiry of the tenancy agreement. Depending on the size and location of individual stalls, the upset price of the monthly rent of the stalls ranges from \$370 to \$20,900. Tenants can enjoy a reduction of the monthly rental by 75 per cent from January to March next year.

A spokesman for the FEHD said, "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 the diversity in terms of variety of stalls, there will be a limit on the number of stalls to be rented by a single tenant. No person who is renting a stall under the one-year short-term tenancy scheme is allowed to rent more than one stall of a one-year short-term tenancy in the same market. Also, any person who is currently a stall tenant is not allowed to bid in the first round of auction for any stalls in the same market, but will only be allowed to bid on one stall in the second round of auction."

Dates and venues of the auctions and the number of stalls are as follows:

New Territories

Auction date: December 16 (Thursday)

Auction venue: Tai Wo Neighbourhood Community Centre, Tai Wo Estate, Tai Po

Number of stalls: 50

Hong Kong Island and Islands District

Auction date: December 23 (Thursday)

Auction venue: Room 915 and 915A, 9/F, Lockhart Road Municipal Services Building

Number of stalls: 40

Kowloon

Auction date: December 24 (Friday)

Auction venue: Room 410, 4/F, FEHD Nam Cheong Offices and Vehicle Depot

Number of stalls: 11

To reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19, persons entering the auction venue are required to pay attention to and comply with the preventive measures implemented at the auction venue, including using the "LeaveHomeSafe" mobile application to scan the "LeaveHomeSafe" venue QR code before entering the venue, temperature checks before admission and mask wearing at all times.

Details of the auction of public market stalls will be uploaded to the FEHD website (www.fehd.gov.hk). Bidders interested in the auction may visit the department's website or contact the respective District Environmental Hygiene Office.