

Opening ceremony of Lai Wan Market held today (with photo)

The opening ceremony of the overhauled Lai Wan Market under the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) was held today (March 1), which marks the official reopening of the market.

Officiating at the opening ceremony, the Secretary for Environment and Ecology, Mr Tse Chin-wan, said that the Lai Wan Market is a project under the Market Modernisation Programme. The overhauled market is citizen- and district-centric, with a view to delivering quality services for the residents.

The overhauled Lai Wan Market adopts simplicity and modernity as its core design basis, and uses a vibrant colour scheme. It has reconfigured the overall market layout, enhanced the design of stalls, widened the passageways, improved drainage and ventilation facilities, etc. Moreover, a number of new facilities are provided at the market, including public seating, a carcass storage room, recycling facilities and barrier-free facilities.

The market provides 30 stalls which have progressively commenced business from February 2, and the market has been operating smoothly. The new environment and facilities of the market are also well received by the public. The FEHD introduces a new management model in the Lai Wan Market and has strengthened the role of the management service contractor in managing the market, including formulating market promotion and development strategies, with a view to increasing the attractiveness and patronage of the market.

Other officiating guests at the opening ceremony included the Permanent Secretary for Environment and Ecology (Food), Miss Vivian Lau; the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene, Ms Irene Young; the Director of Architectural Services, Mr Michael Li; the District Officer (Sham Shui Po), Mr Paul Wong; and Members of the Legislative Council (LegCo) Mr Yang Wing-kit, Mr Leung Man-kwong and Mr Vincent Cheng. They were joined by other attending guests including Members of the LegCo, members of Sham Shui Po District Council and Area Committees, members of the local community, etc.

The FEHD will continue to take forward other market development projects to keep public markets abreast with the times to meet public needs.

