

Points of sale of New Year flowers cleaned up (with photos)

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) today (February 12) collected an estimated total of 83 tonnes of refuse at 15 points of sale (POS) of New Year flowers throughout Hong Kong, among which some 11 tonnes were collected at the POS at Victoria Park.

A spokesman for the FEHD said that the department continued to collaborate with the Environmental Campaign Committee and the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) to promote green practice at the POS this year. In addition to the collection of general recyclables including waste paper, plastics and metals, collection of other recyclable items were also conducted at the POS to cover bamboo sticks, wooden pallets, polyfoam and wilted or unsold flowers in order to enhance recycling of resources.

About 33 tonnes of bamboo sticks, 1.9 tonnes of wooden pallets, 24 tonnes of wilted or unsold flowers as well as 0.7 tonnes of polyfoam were collected in the 15 POS. The EPD or green groups will make arrangements for putting all recyclables to their best use through recycling or donation to other organisations and members of the public.

The department deployed 129 staff members, 27 refuse collection vehicles and street cleaning vehicles to clean up the Victoria Park venue. The other 14 POS were cleaned up by the department's cleansing contractors. All site clearance work was completed at about 5pm. After thorough cleansing, the venues were restored to their original state.

