

Public urged to keep venues clean during fireworks display

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) today (September 30) appealed to members of the public to keep places clean and mind their safety while watching the National Day Fireworks Display on October 1.

The LCSD, together with the law enforcement teams of other relevant departments, will strengthen patrols at LCSD venues. Measures will be stepped up to tackle littering, illegal hawking and vandalism.

These venues include the Hong Kong Cultural Centre Piazza, the Tsim Sha Tsui Promenade, the Urban Council Centenary Garden, Middle Road Children's Playground, the Tsim Sha Tsui East Waterfront Podium Garden, the Hung Hom Promenade and Kai Tak Cruise Terminal Park along the Kowloon waterfront, as well as Tamar Park and the Central and Western District Promenade (Central Section) on the waterfront of Hong Kong Island.

A spokesman for the LCSD said that littering offenders will be subject to a fixed penalty of \$1,500. Members of the public should take away their belongings while leaving the venues and put trash into litter box. Publicity materials reminding members of the public to keep places clean will be displayed at the venues while additional cleaning staff and security guards will also be deployed.

The spokesman also reminded people that the above-mentioned venues will be very crowded during the fireworks display. For public safety, crowd management measures will be implemented in some venues. Visitors are advised to exercise tolerance and patience and take heed of on-site staff and police instructions.

Meanwhile, in the wake of the adverse impact brought about by Tropical Cyclone Mangkhut which has led to various levels of damage to the facilities and trees at many LCSD venues, the department is making great efforts to conduct clearance and repair work and members of the public are advised not to go near or enter the cordoned-off areas in these venues for the sake of safety.