

SEE visits Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (with photos)

The Secretary for Environment and Ecology, Mr Tse Chin-wan, today (July 18) visited the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) headquarters and the Wan Chai District Environmental Hygiene Office to inspect facilities managed by the FEHD and learn more about the work of colleagues.

Mr Tse began his visit at the FEHD headquarters by receiving an update from the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene, Ms Irene Young, and the directorate staff on the department's work in ensuring food safety and maintaining environmental hygiene, as well as the challenges confronting them. He was also briefed by colleagues of the Pest Control Advisory Section on the department's pest control work.

Accompanied by Ms Young, Mr Tse then went to the Wan Chai District Environmental Hygiene Office to learn more about environmental hygiene work in the district. In recent years, the FEHD has applied technology to continuously enhance the service of public toilets. Mr Tse visited the refurbished public toilet at Southorn Centre and was briefed on the refurbishment plan for public toilets, the application of smart public toilets and feedback from the public.

Mr Tse said that the Chief Executive announced the establishment of the District Matters Co-ordination Task Force on July 6. The Deputy Chief Secretary for Administration leads a number of bureaux and departments to enhance the overall environmental hygiene and cityscape in Hong Kong. The FEHD is the focal department to support the work of the District Matters Co-ordination Task Force. The work of the FEHD, such as cleaning services, pest control, public market and hawker management, food safety, and so on, is closely linked with people's daily lives and members of the public can note its effectiveness immediately. Mr Tse said he hoped that colleagues will uphold their professionalism and efficiency, and keep abreast of the times to better serve the public and meet various challenges.

Mr Tse also visited the Wo Hop Shek Cemetery and the Sandy Ridge Cemetery under the FEHD last week, to learn more about the burial facilities, including crematoria, Gardens of Remembrance and columbaria, so as to have a better grasp of the latest situation of the department's burial facilities service. On the same day, Mr Tse also visited Man Kam To Food Control Office under the Centre for Food Safety to learn about the surveillance and inspection of food imported from the Mainland.

