

Social enterprises at Hong Kong Trade Development Council Food Expo 2019 (with photos)

The Hong Kong Trade Development Council Food Expo 2019 is set to open on August 15 (Thursday). Eight social enterprises participating in the Food Expo aspire to provide employment opportunities to the socially disadvantaged through producing quality and delicious food, thereby encouraging self-reliance and social inclusion. Members of the public can assist the socially disadvantaged when enjoying the delicious food.

These social enterprises will be serving tasty food such as handmade cookies, nougats and noodles, dried fruit chips, organic rice and noodles and instant chestnuts, through which they share their passion to serve the community. Information on the exhibiting social enterprises is set out in the Annex.

The social enterprises will be located at Booth A18 of Hall 1E at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. Visitors patronising the social enterprise booth on the first two days of the Food Expo can redeem a souvenir while stocks last upon reaching the spending requirement.

The Food Expo will be open from 10am to 10pm from August 15 to 18, and from 10am to 6pm on August 19. The admission fee is \$25. Admission is free for children aged 3 or below and senior citizens aged 65 or above.

A spokesman for the Home Affairs Department said, "The Food Expo serves as a platform for social enterprises to showcase their quality products and services and share their vision. Social enterprises have to achieve their social mission while sustaining their business. Public support is crucial to their success."

Social enterprises now provide a great variety of products and services. The Social Enterprise Directory (www.socialenterprise.org.hk/en/sedb) published by the Social Enterprise Business Centre has an online search engine and a mobile application providing detailed information on over 600 social enterprises in Hong Kong.

For those who are interested in the 80 social enterprise restaurants in Hong Kong, please search for "social enterprise restaurants" on the online platform or the OpenRice mobile application.

