

Social enterprises to offer delightful flavours at Hong Kong Trade Development Council Food Expo 2018 (with photos)

Visitors to the Hong Kong Trade Development Council Food Expo 2018, set to open on August 16 (Thursday), will be able to enjoy the delightful flavours of products offered by social enterprises.

The seven social enterprises participating in this year's Food Expo aspire to provide delicious and healthy food to the public. Established with social missions of enhancing the employment capabilities and social integration of the socially disadvantaged, including ex-offenders, young people with autism and women, the social enterprises provide food that can offer customers tasty flavours. Brief information on the exhibiting social enterprises is set out in the Annex.

The social enterprise booths will be located at Booth A18 of Hall 1E at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. People patronising the seven social enterprise booths can receive a nice and useful souvenir while stocks last.

The Food Expo will be open from 10am to 10pm from August 16 to 19, and from 10am to 6pm on August 20. 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 provides a good occasion for social enterprises to showcase their quality products and services, while at the same time demonstrating social enterprises' diverse and remarkable operation models, as well as their missions in enhancing the self-confidence and employability of the socially disadvantaged for better integration into society."

Those who wish to support social enterprise food and restaurants further may search for "social enterprise" on the online platforms OpenRice and iPick to have easy access to information on about 80 social enterprise restaurants.

Apart from offering food, social enterprises also provide a wide variety of products and services. The Social Enterprise Directory (SE Directory) (socialenterprise.org.hk/en/sedb) published by the Social Enterprise Business Centre provides detailed information on about 600 social enterprises in Hong Kong. To facilitate easy searching of social enterprises, the SE Directory also features an online search engine, including a user-friendly geographical search function which allows users to search for social enterprises on a map.

