

[AFCD investigates suspected sale of dog meat online](#)

The Agriculture, Fisheries, and Conservation Department (AFCD) noted today (November 19) that during recent routine online surveillance, some advertisements posted by some online shops in relation to suspected sale of dog meat were detected. The AFCD has promptly launched an investigation and will contact the Police for further collaborated investigation.

The AFCD is investigating activities and posts associated with the suspected online shop to collect evidence, and may instigate prosecution if there is sufficient evidence.

According to the Dogs and Cats Regulations (Cap. 167A), no person shall slaughter any dog or cat for use as food whether for mankind or otherwise nor shall sell or use or permit the sale or use of the flesh of dogs and cats for food. Any person shall be liable to a maximum fine of \$5,000 and imprisonment for six months upon conviction.

The AFCD emphasises no such illegal activities will be tolerated and will strictly enforce the law and follow up on all violations. Members of the public are reminded not to buy cat or dog meat. If there is any suspected illegal sale activity, please contact 1823 to report.

[Transcript of remarks by SDEV at media session](#)

Following is the transcript of remarks by the Secretary for Development, Ms Bernadette Linn, at a media session after attending a radio programme today (November 19):

Reporter: Secretary, so given the recent unsuccessful tenders, should there be any adjustments in tendering conditions or their land use? Does it affect the government's overall land supply and the plan in having more land? And second on the Northern Metropolis, is the government still on track with its goal of starting land resumption procedures for all development projects by 2027?

Secretary for Development: First of all, on your question about the failed tender, I think failed tender is largely because of the current economic situation in Hong Kong and in the world. So it shouldn't be something permanent. And whenever we have a failed tender, we will consider rolling out the site again sometime later, under different market circumstances, and

sometimes with adjustments to the tender conditions, for example in the past when a particular site is a bit large, we may sort of reduce it, cut it up into two different sites, and that may help the tender, but it depends on the site concerned.

As regards whether we will change the land use, whenever there is a failed tender, I think we should not run into knee-jerk reactions because the land uses for different parcels of land are premised on comprehensive planning and known demand. So if we change it too readily, it will upset the balance of the different land uses we have in mind. As regards your question as to whether failed tenders will affect our plan in land supply and producing land, we will not. Because tender is about the situation reaction in a particular market condition, but the production of land and increase of land supply is a long-term land supply issue, and we have to be determined to roll out different sources of land supply if we are to meet the different demands of land for Hong Kong's development.

Regarding your question about the Northern Metropolis, in the recently published Action Agenda (Northern Metropolis Action Agenda) we have pledged that we will commence the resumption of land for all the development projects by 2027, it is by 2027. Actually we have commenced resumption of land for different land parcels, for example those in Hung Shui Kiu and Kwu Tung North quite some years ago. So our pledge is to commence the resumption for the rest of the development areas by 2027, actually it's continuing.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the transcript.)

[Liquor Licensing Board to meet on Tuesday](#)

The following is issued on behalf of the Liquor Licensing Board:

The Liquor Licensing Board (LLB) will meet on Tuesday (November 21) to consider two applications for renewal and amendment of liquor licences.

The applications are (not in order of discussion):

Kowloon:

"New Wishing Tree" in Prince Edward

New Territories:

IN'S CLUB in Tsuen Wan

The board will also consider revocation of the liquor licence of PAPA

CLUB in Tsim Sha Tsui.

The meeting will be held at 9.45am in the conference room, Room 102, 1/F, 258 Queen's Road East, Wan Chai. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Red flags hoisted at Big Wave Bay Beach and Clear Water Bay Second Beach

Attention TV/radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

Here is an item of interest to swimmers.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (November 19) that due to big waves, red flags have been hoisted at Big Wave Bay Beach in Southern District, Hong Kong Island; and Clear Water Bay Second Beach in Sai Kung District. Beachgoers are advised not to swim at these beaches.

14th round of computer ballot registration for submitting applications for Northbound Travel for Hong Kong Vehicles open November 20 to 23

The Transport Department today (November 19) reminded members of the public that the 14th round of computer ballot registration for submitting applications for Northbound Travel for Hong Kong Vehicles (the Scheme) will be open from 10am tomorrow (November 20) to 11.59pm on November 23, and the ballot result will be announced on November 24.

Eligible applicants for the scheme can register for computer balloting through the designated website (www.hzmbqfs.gov.hk). Successful balloting applicants are required to submit applications for the Scheme within the designated date and time randomly allocated by the computer system.