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[FEHD releases ballot results of applications for rental of market stalls in Sunlight Market](#)

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) today (May 28) conducted open balloting for the applications for rental of market stalls in the Sunlight Market in Tung Chung, and the ballot results have been released.

A spokesman for the FEHD said, "The rental of six market stalls in the Sunlight Market was open for application. A total of 93 eligible applications

were received. Ballots were drawn today to determine the order of priority of eligible applicants in selecting a market stall for rental."

The ballot results have been uploaded to the FEHD website (www.fehd.gov.hk) for viewing by applicants. Applicants can also visit the Islands District Environmental Hygiene Office from tomorrow (May 29) or call the hotline 2852 3606 to check the results. The FEHD will also notify all eligible applicants by SMS and mail of their priority number and later issue letters to invite successful applicants for stall selections and signing of the Licence Agreement according to their priority.

EDB introduces Curriculum Framework on Parent Education (Secondary School)

The Education Bureau (EDB) today (May 28) launched the Curriculum Framework on Parent Education (Secondary School). All secondary schools (including special schools) and organisations or groups organising parent education programmes/activities are encouraged to make reference to the content of the Curriculum Framework when designing relevant programmes or activities, so that parents can learn the necessary knowledge and skills for nurturing their children in a more systematic manner.

In accordance with the recommendations of the Task Force on Home-school Co-operation and Parent Education, the EDB has commissioned the School of Continuing Education of Hong Kong Baptist University to develop the curriculum frameworks on parent education in phases for parents of kindergartens, primary and secondary school students. The Curriculum Framework on Parent Education (Secondary School) comprises four core strands, namely "Understanding of Adolescent Development", "Promotion of Healthy, Happy and Balanced Development of Adolescents", "Promotion of Parents' Physical and Psychological Well-being" and "Fostering Home-school Co-operation and Communication" (see Annex), with a focus on supporting the development needs of adolescents.

An EDB spokesman said, "We encourage all secondary schools to make reference to the Curriculum Framework, and select, arrange and design parent education activities according to school-based context. For other organisations or groups, such as Parent-Teacher Associations, Federations of Parent-Teacher Associations, post-secondary institutions and non-governmental organisations, they can refer to the Curriculum Framework to design and provide parent education programmes or activities that meet the needs of parents of students at the secondary level. Parents can also study the Curriculum Framework to understand children's development and learning needs in a systematic manner."

The EDB will conduct briefing sessions on the afternoon of June 6, 7 and 13 to introduce the Curriculum Framework to stakeholders. Details about the Curriculum Framework are available on the EDB's Smart Parent Net website (www.parent.edu.hk/en/smart-parent-net/topics/article/framework_sec).

Appointments to Statistics Advisory Board

The Government announced today (May 28) that the Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury has appointed members to the Statistics Advisory Board (SAB) for a new term of two years from June 1, 2024, to May 31, 2026.

The SAB of the new term includes 13 non-official members, eight of whom are serving members and five newly appointed members. The new members are Ms Suki Cheung Shuk-ming, Professor Fong Yuk-fai, Miss Rosalind Lee, Mr Jaymond Tang Sheung-ho and Ms Zhao Jiayin.

The Commissioner for Census and Statistics, Mr Leo Yu, said, "Members of the SAB are professionals from different disciplines. Their diverse background and expertise will provide the Census and Statistics Department with invaluable insights and help ensure that its statistical work will continue to meet the evolving needs of our community."

Mr Yu added, "We are grateful to the four outgoing members, Mr Samuel Lau Kin-pui, Ms Michelle Leung Oi-pui, Professor Vivian Lou Wei-qun and Professor Shen Haipeng for their unfailing support and wise counsel to the SAB that has helped foster the development of the Government's statistical work."

The SAB is an advisory body established in 1972 to advise the Commissioner for Census and Statistics on matters pertaining to official statistical work. Its membership consists of professionals from the business sector, the academia and the community, providing a wide representation to assist the Commissioner in integrating views of data users, data suppliers and statisticians.

Following is the membership of the SAB for the new term from June 1, 2024, to May 31, 2026:

Chairperson (Ex officio)

Commissioner for Census and Statistics

Official members

Director of Planning (or representative)

Government Economist (or representative)
Representative from the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau

Non-official members

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Ms Suki Cheung Shuk-ming
Professor Fong Yuk-fai
Ms Alice Lau Oi-sze
Miss Rosalind Lee*
Mr Patrick Leung Chin-pak
Ms Janet Li Tze-yan
Mr Michael Ngai To-nam
Professor Isabella Poon Wai-yin
Mr Jaymond Tang Sheung-ho*
Mr Stan Tang Yiu-sing
Mr Ivan Ting Tien-li
Mr Daniel Wong Wai-hung
Ms Zhao Jiayin

* Appointed under the Member Self-recommendation Scheme for Youth