2015/16 Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Southern District Action Plan

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Improving Environmental Hygiene Conditions

1. Anti-mosquito and rodent control services

Last year, there were three local outbreaks of Japanese encephalitis and three local cases of dengue fever. To safeguard public health and as a precautionary measure, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) will continue to step up mosquito control and conduct the anti-mosquito campaign in 2015. As the infestation of rodents and pests can transmit diseases and pose a threat to public health, FEHD will implement a series of stringent control measures. In addition to the in-house staff, contractors are engaged to provide mosquito and pest control services. All the mosquito and pest control teams are provided with vehicles and appropriate equipment, so that they can carry out their pest control duties swiftly and effectively. These duties include:

- (a) inspecting areas susceptible to mosquito and pest breeding (e.g. construction and vacant sites, cargo terminals, cargo handling areas, Hong Kong Macau Ferry Terminal, River Trade Terminal, typhoon shelters, schools, village houses, hospitals, livestock farms, illegal cultivation sites, border control points and the peripheral areas, and old tenement buildings), conducting anti-mosquito operations, and eliminating possible harbourage of rodents and using trapping devices; and
- (b) clearing litter, waste and abandoned articles/tyres from slopes, hillsides, roadside grass verges and turfed areas, vacant sites, building sites and public open spaces; eliminating potential mosquito breeding grounds and performing anti-mosquito and pest control duties.

FEHD will work closely with the District Anti-mosquito Task Force. It is anticipated that a total of 52 rounds of inspection/anti-mosquito operation/anti-rodent survey and trapping operation will be conducted in the Southern District in 2015/16. A list of locations provided with anti-mosquito and pest control services is at **Annex I**.

2. Cleansing of "grey areas"

At present, FEHD is responsible for clearing waste in the "grey areas", including unallocated Government land, ungazetted beaches and coastal areas, slopes, roadside, grass verges and turfed areas along public roads (including roundabouts and hill

slopes), nullahs, channels, natural or trained watercourses.

FEHD will continue to provide cleansing services in this respect and conduct cleaning operations in "grey areas" which are of prime public concern. These include locations subject to repeated complaints by the public, conspicuous places in urban areas (such as roadside slopes and roundabouts), tourist spots, frequently visited ungazetted beaches, nullahs in urban areas and major rivers in the New Territories. Cleansing service contractors will be engaged to do the work and their performance will be closely monitored to ensure that their services can meet public expectations.

A list of "grey areas" of prime concern in the Southern District is at **Annex II**. To maintain the environmental hygiene of these "grey areas", cleansing frequency will be adjusted according to ground situation.

3. Public cleansing services

3.1 Street cleansing

FEHD is committed to providing effective and efficient public cleansing services. Inhouse staff of FEHD and cleansing service contractors are responsible for performing the daily tasks of street sweeping/cleansing, collecting household waste and managing public toilets and refuse collection points.

Street sweeping is an essential part of keeping the city clean. At present, the sweeping frequency in three locations in the Southern District, namely Aberdeen, Tin Wan and Ap Lei Chau, is six times a day to keep the places clean at all times as they are located in major business and residential districts with high pedestrian flow. Apart from manual sweeping, FEHD also deploys mechanical street sweepers for sweeping major thoroughfares, flyovers, central dividers, etc. A total of 701 litter containers, 68 stand-alone cigarette butt containers and 68 recyclable collection bins are provided at public streets in the district for the convenience of the public. The litter containers and cigarette butt containers are emptied at a frequency corresponding with their usage rate, ranging from twice to six times a day. For recyclable collection bins, they are emptied at least once a week. Furthermore, there are 35 dog latrines and 129 dog excreta collection bins in public places for the convenience of dog owners.

FEHD provides regular street washing services to upkeep the cleanliness of pavements, lanes, hawker concentrated areas, refuse collection points and hygiene blackspots in the district. Depending on the ground situation, the frequency of our street washing operation may range from daily to a need basis.

3.2 Refuse collection

FEHD provides 37 refuse collection points of various types and 165 bin sites in the district for collection of domestic waste from households. Waste collection is performed at least once daily. Domestic waste collected is being hauled by in house and outsourced waste collection vehicles to the Island East and Island West Transfer Stations of the Environmental Protection Department for disposal.

To further improve the environmental hygiene conditions in Hong Kong, FEHD will continue to provide focused cleansing services to places where there is such a need.

3.3 Public toilets/aqua privies improvement works

At present, FEHD manages 23 public toilets in Southern District. FEHD has completed the refurbishment programme for Pokfulam Village Public Toilets Block C last year. We are now progressing onto the upgrading works of Block B, Pokfulam Village Public Toilet. The upgrading works will cover the ventilation system and other facilities. For example, air fresheners, hand sanitisers, hand dryers, urinal bowls and hand basins at children's height, baby changing counters, automatic infrared sensor taps and enhanced barrier-free facilities will be installed such that the public convenience will be more hygienic and comfortable to users. Besides, having regard to the location and area of individual toilets, user requirements and other technical factors, the male-to-female toilet compartment ratio will be increased from the previous 1:1 to 1:2 where circumstances permit to meet the needs of the public.

Furthermore, to enhance the cleansing standard of public toilets and to keep public toilets clean at all times, FEHD deploys toilet attendants to station at public toilets of higher daily usage. Apart from providing prompt cleansing service and replenishing toilet paper and liquid soap, the toilet attendants will carry out quick repairs when minor defects are found.

A list of public toilets with attendant service in the Southern District is at Annex III.

4. Enforcement action against public cleanliness offences

FEHD adopts a "zero tolerance" approach against four common public cleanliness offences (i.e. littering, spitting, unauthorised display of bills/posters and fouling of streets by dog faeces) by issuing Fixed Penalty Notices to the offenders.

Enforcement action is carried out by officers of FEHD during their day-to-day patrol duties. Special attention is paid to the above four common public cleanliness offences at local hygiene blackspots. These spots are usually of higher pedestrian flow with more frequent occurrence and recurrence of cleanliness offences that warrant special attention and action. On top of regular inspections, FEHD also takes a targeted approach in mounting special enforcement operations at selected locations (including public transport interchanges, taxi-stands, bus termini, areas outside off-course betting centres and places with heavy passenger traffic). A list of hygiene blackspots with frequent littering and other cleanliness offences in Southern District is at **Annex IV**.

5. Hygiene conditions of food premises

To maintain the hygiene standards of food premises, FEHD will continue to conduct inspections of licensed food premises in the district. Stringent enforcement actions will also be taken against unlicensed food premises and those food premises that do not meet hygiene standards, contravene the law or breach licensing requirements or conditions to protect public health. In 2015/16, 5350 inspections will be conducted in the Southern District.

Market Management

6. Enhancing market management and hygiene standards

Stall lessees of public markets and cooked food markets/centres are responsible for maintaining the cleanliness of their stalls. If they neglect their responsibility, resulting in unsatisfactory hygiene conditions and obstruction to passageways, food and environmental hygiene will be significantly affected. This will also cause inconvenience to customers, thus discouraging them from shopping in the markets.

FEHD will continue to launch the Market Cleansing Day every month to maintain the hygiene conditions in the markets. Apart from issuing guidelines on food handling to food stalls and taking enforcement actions against breaches of hygiene-related offences and tenancy conditions (e.g. obstruction to passageways), the common areas and facilities of the markets (e.g. floor and escalators) will be thoroughly cleansed daily.

7. Improving market facilities and promotion

FEHD will carry out improvement works in two public markets in Southern District, including the replacement of the ventilation system in Ap Lei Chau Market and the replacement of mains water supply pipes, waste pipes and installation of a communal aerial in Nam Long Shan Road Cooked Food Market. By upgrading the firmware of the markets, a more comfortable shopping environment will be provided for the public.

In addition, to make shopping more enjoyable and to attract more customers to shop at public markets, FEHD will carry out promotional activities like festive promotions, thematic exhibitions, talks and cooking demonstrations in suitable markets.

Others

8. Special district-based operations

8.1 Strengthening control on spilling of seawater from seafood trucks

To strengthen control on the spilling of seawater from seafood trucks, the Southern District Environmental Hygiene Office instituted a total of 52 prosecutions against offenders during the period from March 2014 to February 2015. To enhance the awareness of the trade in maintaining environmental hygiene, FEHD deployed staff to collaborate with Hong Kong Police Force in enhancing health education for seafood truck drivers. Letters were distributed to seafood/transport traders advising them to abide to the law and refrain from discharging effluents at public places. FEHD will continue to monitor the problem closely and take appropriate actions.

8.2 Special cleaning operations for typhoon shelters and seashores

To keep the environment of the coastal areas and typhoon shelters in the Southern District clean, the Southern District Environmental Hygiene Office conducts in conjunction with the Marine Department special cleaning operations in the district regularly and when necessary by utilizing vessels to remove refuse floating in the typhoon shelter and near the seashores. From March 2014 to February 2015, 165 joint cleaning operations were conducted. The number of operations for 2015/16 is expected to be more or less the same as last year. Special cleaning operations are also conducted from time to time by the Department in shipyard areas and villages such as Pok Fu Lam Village, Tai Hou Wan Village, San Wai Village, Kau Wai Village and Shek O Village to keep the environment of these areas clean.

8.3 Operations against illegal shop extension

FEHD will continue to work jointly with the Hong Kong Police Force for mounting raiding/prosecution operations against illegal shop extension in local blackspots, especially in the Aberdeen Town Centre so as to size the obstruction problem caused by illegal shop extension in the district. From March 2014 to February 2015, FEHD instituted 502 prosecutions, on top of 75 arrest charges and seizure of goods in the special joint operations with the Police. FEHD will monitor the situation closely and take appropriate actions.

9. Annexes

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- III Public toilets with attendant services in the district
- IV Hygiene blackspots with frequent littering and other cleanliness offences in the district
- V Contact list for FEHD staff in the district

Annex I

Locations provided with anti-mosquito and rodent control services

No.	Locations	
1	Embankment outside Ka Lung Court	
2	Beach at Waterfall Bay	
3	Slope opposite to Wah Lai House, Wah Kwai Estate	
4	Slope at Wah Kwai Road	
5	Pok Fu Lam Village, Pok Fu Lam Road	
6	Slope near Block 14, Chi Fu Fa Yuen	
7	Slope near Block 8, Chi Fu Fa Yuen	
8	Slope at j/o Pok Fu Lam Road and Victoria Road	
9	Slope behind Pok Fu Lam Fire Station and Pok Fu Lam Ambalance Depot	
10	Slope behind Kwai Fong Nursery, Pok Fu Lam	
11	Slope at side of temporary sitting-out area, Kai Lung Wan	
12	Slope at side of Government Quarters, 122 Pok Fu Lam Road	
13	Slope at side of Chinese Cuisine Training Institute, Pok Fu Lam Road	
14	Slope at side of Ebenezer School & Home For The Visually Impaired, Pok Fu Lam Road	
15	Slope outside Chinese Christian Cemetery near Queen Mary Hospital, Pok Fu Lam Road	
16	Slope behind Royalton, Pok Fu Lam Road	
17	Slope between Wah Hong Street and Wah Chui Street, Victoria Road	

18	Slope outside Hong Kong Animal Management Centre, Victoria Road
19	Slope faced to Cyberport at Victoria Road
20	Shui Tsoi Tin Village
21	Slope at upper Tai Hau Wan Village, Victoria Road
22	Consort Rise, Bisney Road, Upper & Lower Tai Hau Wan Village
23	Slope outside Block 16-18 Baguio Villa
24	Slope outside Block 45-47 Baguio Villa
25	Slope and footpath at side of "賴金記石廠", Victoria Road
26	Slope outside Kai Ming Temple
27	Slope at side of Sandy Bay Road
28	Shore of Sandy Bay
29	Slope at side of Sha Wan Drive
30	Slope behind 2-96 Aberdeen Main Road
31	Slope at Aberdeen Reservoir Road
32	Slope at side of Ware House, Yue Kwong Road
33	Slope at side of Aberdeen Technical School
34	Slope behind a shop (裕記) at Aberdeen Old Main Street, near May Court
35	Rear Lane of 1-23 Tung Sing Road
36	Rear Lane of Tsung Man Street
37	Rear Lane of Nam Ning Street
38	Rear Lane of Sai On Street

39	The surrounding area of Aberdeen Wholesale Fish Market
40	Breakwater of Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter
41	Rear Lane of 2-12 Ka Wo Street, Tin Wan
42	Rear Lane of 4-10 Tin Wan Street
43	Rear Lane of Tang Fung Street
44	Slope behind Hung Fuk Court, Tin Wan
45	Slope behind 45 Shek Pai Wan Road
46	Rear Lane of 53-101 Shek Pai Wan Road
47	Slope opposite to Tin Lai House, Tin Wan Estate
48	Slope along Tin Wan Praya Road
49	Slope at side of Shipyards, Ap Lei Chau Praya Road
50	Vacant land at side of Sham Wan Towers, Ap Lei Chau
51	Slope at Yuk Kwai Shan, Ap Lei Chau
52	Vacant land at Ap Lei Chau Praya Road
53	Slope at Ap Lei Chau Bridge Road
54	Vacant land and Slope under Ap Lei Chau Bridge
55	Vacant land behind Oceanic Industrial Centre, Lee Lok Street,Ap Lei Chau
56	Slope between Ap Lei Chau Service Reservoir and Lee Nam Road, Ap Lei Chau
57	Slope outside Ap Lei Chau Estate (facing to sea & near Wind Tower Park) and Shipyards
58	Slope at San Shi Street, Ap Lei Chau
59	Slope at Lee Man Road, Ap Lei Chau
60	Slope behind 65-147, Main Street, Ap Lei Chau

61	Slope at Lee Chi Road, Ap Lei Chau
62	Slope at side of Hong Kong True Light College, Ap Lei Chau
63	Slope outside Tung Cheong House, Lei Tung Estate
64	Slope outside Ap Lei Chau Estate
65	Ap Lei Chau Praya Road
66	San Wai Village, Wong Chuk Hang
67	Kau Wai Village, Wong Chuk Hang
68	Shipyard area, Shum Wan Road, Wong Chuk Hang
69	Both sides of Nam Fung Road, near Wong Chuk Hang Hospital, Wong Chuk Hang
70	Slope at Nam Fung Road, Wong Chuk Hang
71	Slope at side of Shum Wan Road, Wong Chuk Hang
72	Slope and vacant land at side of Tai Wong Ye Temple, Heung Yip Road, Wong Chuk Hang
73	Slope and vacant land at Welfare Road, Wong Chuk Hang
74	Seaview Promenade
75	Slope at Deep Water Bay Road
76	Car Park opposite to a BBQ site, Deep Water Bay
77	Slope at side of Repulse Bay Road and South Bay Road
78	Slope and rocky beach at Chung Hom Kok
79	Stanley Main Street and its vicinity
80	Slope at 18 Stanley Village Road
81	Tai Tam Tuk Village
82	Hok Tsui Village

83	Tung Ah Pui Village
84	Ngan Hang Village
85	To Tei Wan Village
86	Lan Nai Wan Village
87	Tai Long Wan Village
88	Shek O Village

"Grey areas" of prime concern in the district

No.	Locations
1	Slope at Wong Ma Kok Road, opposite to St. Stephen's College
2	Slope at sides of Tai Tam Tuk Village and Hill slope along Big Wave Bay Road
3	Hill slope along Pak Pat Shan Road, Tai Tam and Slope beside No. 8 Pak Pat Shan Road
4	Slope between No. 23 to 37 Mount Davis Road
5	Slope behind Sandy Bay Road connecting to Sandy Bay Pumping Station and Victoria Road
6	Slope at Bisney Road connecting to Pokfulam Road
7	Slope next to roundabout at the junction of Mount Davis Road and Victoria Road
8	Slope behind TRCP opposite to Pokfulam Village
9	Slope at side of No. 46 Island Road
10	Slope at Kau Wai Village at side of Lamp Post No. EP 5914 and 46207
11	Slope next to footpath behind Chi Fu Fa Yuen Block 14
12	Slope next to footpath connecting No. 1 Mount Davis Roadand Victoria Road (near RCP at Lai Kam Kee Masonry)
13	Slope behind TRCP opposite to No. 33 Sassoon Road
14	Slope behind TRCP opposite to No. 18-21 Bisney Road
15	Slope behind TRCP at junction of Victoria Road and Bisney Road

16	Slope inside Tai Hau Wan Village
17	Slope next to footpath at Yuk Kwai Shan
18	Slope at Ap Lei Chau Bridge Road behind Sunny Court at No. 77-79 Apleichau Main Street
19	Slope next to footpath at Ware House
20	Slope at side of bus stop at No. 45 Repulse Bay Road
21	Slope behind the ISF Academy opposite to Kong Sin Wan Road
22	Rocky beach in Stanley Main Beach and Hong Kong Sea School
23	Beaches at Pak Kan Village, Stanley
24	Shek O Rocky Beach and beaches at Eastern Coast of Shek O Headland
25	Rocky seawall at Stanley Main Street
26	Beaches at Waterfall Bay plus all adjoining areas
27	Beaches at Sandy Bay plus all adjoining areas
28	Breakwaters at Aberdeen Typhoon Shelter plus all adjoining areas
29	Seawall facing DSD treatment plant in Shek O and nullah at Shek O Village
30	Seashore at Tai Tam Tuk Village
31	Hairpin Beach, Lan Nai Wan, Turtle Cove Beach and To Tei Wan
32	Seashore of Tung Ah Village
33	Sha Shek Tan at Chung Hom Kok and rocky beach near Pacific View at Tai Tam Road

34	Beaches at North-west Coast of Stanley Bay and St. Stephen's Beach	
35	Ungazetted beach/coastal area near Big Wave Bay Beach	
36	Shore off at Aberdeen Promenade and Ap Lei Chau Praya Road	
37	Shore off next to Cyberport Sewage Treatment Plant and Shore off at Cyberport Road opposite to Bel Air Peak Rise	
38	Amenity plot at junction of Stanley Gap Road and Stanley Village Road	
39	Amenity plots at Stanley Beach Road and Stanley Mount Road	
40	Toe wall planter at Wong Ma Kok Path and Wong Ma Kok Road	
41	Amenity plot at Stanley Link Road	
42	Amenity plots at Tai Tam Reservoir Road, and junction of	

Shek O Road and Big Wave Bay

Annex III

Public toilets with attendant services in the district

No.	Name of public toilets and their locations
1	Pokfulam Road near Queen Mary Hospital Public Toilet
2	Pokfulam Village Public Toilet Block B
3	Wu Nam Street Public Toilet
4	16 Aberdeen Main Road Public Toilet
5	Ap Lei Chau Municipal Services Building Public Toilet
6	Shum Wan Road Public Toilet
7	Yip Fat Street Public Toilet
8	Repulse Bay Bus Terminus Public Toilet
9	Repulse Bay Beach Road Public Toilet
10	Stanley Waterfront Public Toilet
11	Stanley Main Street Public Toilet
12	Stanley Link Road Public Toilet
13	Stanley Municipal Services Building Public Toilet
14	Stanley Tai Tam Village Public Toilet
15	Shek O Village Public Toilet
16	South Bay Public Toilet

Annex IV

Hygiene blackspots with frequent littering and other cleanliness offences in the district

No.	Locations	
1	No. 66 – 97 Shek Pai Wan Road	
2	Ka Wo Street	
3	Tang Fung Street	
4	Wu Pak Street	
5	Wu Nam Street	
6	Tung Sing Road	
7	No. 28 – 118 Aberdeen Main Road	
8	Ap Lei Chau Main Street near Shan Ming Street	
9	Ap Lei Chau Praya Road	
10	Yip Kan Street	
11	Yip Fat Street	
12	The Seaview Promenade (Repulse Bay to Deep Water Bay)	

Annex V

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