## Food and Environmental Hygiene Department Central and Western District Market Management Consultative Committee Digest of Meeting

(May 2016 – June 2016)

Agenda	Summary	Market
1. Obstruction of Passageway	1.1 Number of prosecutions against obstruction of passageway since last meeting (1 May to 30 June 2016):  Sheung Wan Market: 6 (5 wet goods stalls, 1 vegetable stall)  Sai Ying Pun Market: 8 (8 vegetable stalls)  Centre Street Market: 0  Shek Tong Tsui Market: 6 (2 vegetable stalls, 1 flower stall, 3 fruit stalls)  Smithfield Market: 12 (4 vegetable stalls, 3 fruit stalls, 3 food related dry goods stalls, 2 fish stalls)  Queen Street Cooked Food Market: 0	All markets
2. Management and Cleansing	<ul> <li>2.1 Yee Tai Cleaning Company Limited was awarded the contract for the provision of management, cleansing and pest control services in the five markets and one cooked food market in the Central and Western District for the period commencing on 1 July 2016 and ending on 30 June 2018.</li> <li>2.2 To enhance environmental hygiene to combat human swine influenza,</li> </ul>	All markets  All markets

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	introduced and would remain in force. The "Market Cleansing Day" for markets in the District was on the 5 <sup>th</sup> day and the 20 <sup>th</sup> day of each month. Stall operators were urged to enhance cleansing by cleaning up their own stalls on the cleansing days. They should move the shelves to facilitate cleansing and wash the walls to maintain environmental hygiene. The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) reminded stall operators not to dump rubbish in the drainage pipes in order to avoid drain blockages.	
	2.3 Some stall operators pointed out that the passageways and lifts of the Market had been used for transporting refuse. To follow up the issue, the management company had stepped up inspections to stop such activities. Some stall operators said the situation still persisted between 8 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. FEHD had instructed the management company to keep following up the issue to stop such activities. Assistance from the Cleansing Section would be sought at the same time.	Shek Tong Tsui  Market

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3. Ventilation	3.1 District Council Member Mr KAM Nai-wai raised the ventilation issue concerning meat stalls on the first floor. In addition to the existing measures including early activation of the ventilation system and temperature measurement, he suggested that tests should be carried out to check if the supply and exhaust airflow volume was sufficient. The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) said that upon completion of the cleansing of the air-handling unit(s) on 1 July to improve ventilation, it would arrange to measure the supply and exhaust airflow volume in order to collect data for further studies.	Sheung Wan Market
	3.2 EMSD completed the upgrading of air-conditioning system on 26 May. Some stall operators reported that some locations in the Market did not have adequate air-conditioning. FEHD had instructed the management company to follow up the issue.	Centre Street Market
	3.3 Some stall operators reported the uneven distribution of air-conditioning. EMSD said it had arranged to adjust the air-conditioning system for three consecutive nights to improve the situation. In addition, some stall operators reported unsatisfactory	Queen Street Cooked Food Market

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4. Popairs and	ventilation for the kitchen. EMSD said it would arrange to test the exhaust airflow volume and then carry out further studies.	Shoung Wan Market
4. Repairs and Maintenance	4.1 The replacement of water scrubber(s) on the second floor of the cooked food centre (CFC) in Sheung Wan Market was scheduled to be carried out from 27 July to 31 August, during which the CFC would be completely closed. Meanwhile, the Architectural Services Department (ASD) would carry out some minor maintenance and refurbishment works and the management office would arrange cleansing and pest control services. Poster(s) and banner(s) would be displayed to inform the public of the above arrangements before the market was closed and after it was reopened. Stall operators affected by the works would be granted waiver of rental and air-conditioning fee for the period of business suspension. In addition, some stall operators expressed concern over the security issue during business suspension. FEHD undertook to discuss with the management company and the security company to step up the security during the period of business suspension of the CFC.	Sheung Wan Market

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	4.2 The refurbishment of the male and female toilets on the second floor was completed on 4 May by ASD Pedestal water closet pans were replaced by Asiatic water closet pans as requested by stall operators of the CFC. The refurbishment of the male and female toilets on the ground floor had been underway since 5 May and was expected to be completed on 13 July. The same works for the first floor would follow immediately.	
	4.3 It was recently found that the drainage pipes in the loading area were blocked causing flooding and emission of odour ASD and EMSD had taken interim measures to expedite removal of stagnant water. Meanwhile, repair works for the relevant facilities and replacement of the defective parts were being arranged by EMSD.	
	4.4 Stall operators reported that Lift L2 did not function properly at times. FEHD said that water accumulation in the lift shaft or damaged lift doors were found ever so often which led to lift failure Stall operators were urged to avoid improper use of the lift which would affect its normal operation.	

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	4.5 Funding for the re-ordering of market stalls on the first floor was secured in May. FEHD was discussing the arrangements in relation to the floor design and construction details with ASD. The provision of additional chairs for the elderly in markets as proposed in the Policy Address would also be studied.	Sai Ying Pun Market
	4.6 In response to the Policy Address' proposal to provide additional chairs in markets, FEHD had visited the site with ASD. Upon funding approval, additional chairs would be provided on the ground floor and second floor of the market. Stall operators were concerned that the provision of seating facilities might cause obstruction to the passageways of the market. FEHD would further study the possible locations for the seating facilities.	Centre Street Market
	4.7 The MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) expected that the works of the West Block would be completed in the second quarter of 2017 when the entrance to the ground floor of West Block would be re-opened. Stall operators were dissatisfied with MTRCL's long delay in the above works. FEHD would relay their dissatisfaction to MTRCL and invite the	Centre Street Market

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	MTRCL's representative(s) to attend the meeting.		
	4.8 District Council Member Mr YEUNG Hok-ming said he noted recently that EMSD would change the lift and escalator contractors. He hoped that FEHD would reflect the concern of the stall operators over the quality of the contractors' services to EMSD.	<u>Market</u>	
	4.9 Some stall operators were concerned about the failure of Lift L6, which was mainly caused by the inflow of water from the construction site adjacent to the market through the cracks on the market's external wall. FEHD was contacting the person-in-charge of the construction site to arrange repair works by ASD inside the site.	<u>Market</u>	
	4.10 To follow up District Council Member Mr YEUNG Hok-ming's proposal to improve the promotional light box signs at the Market entrance, FEHD was discussing matters concerning the relevant works and design of the light box signs with the Architectural Services Department (ASD). There would be another round of consultation when the new design was available.	Market	

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	4.11	Stall operators enquired about the	Shek Tong Tsui
		progress of the retrofitting of	<u>Market</u>
		air-conditioning systems in the CFC.	
		FEHD, together with ASD, had	
		commenced a feasibility study on the	
		retrofitting of air-conditioning systems	
		in a number of markets and CFCs in the	
		territory which had the support of stall	
		operators regarding the retrofitting	
		exercise.	
			Smithfield Market
	4.12	The replacement of wind-proof roof	
		covers above the escalator at Rock Hill	
		Street and at the covered platform	
		outside the CFC was commenced in	
		early July by ASD. The works was	
		expected to be completed in late August.	
		August.	Smithfield Market
	4.13	In light of the power outage caused by	Simumera Warket
	1.13	an electrical short-circuit in a fish stall	
		earlier on, a full-scale electrical	
		inspection would be conducted at every	
		stall located on the G/F of the Market in	
		early August by EMSD.	
			Smithfield Market
	4.14	Wastewater was found leaking from the	
		underground drainage pipes in the	
		Market in late April. It was believed	
		that rubbish had flowed into the pipes	
		and caused a drain blockage. The	
		contractor had removed all the	
		accumulated waste from the drainage	

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		pipes and carried out the relevant cleansing work. The cleansing was completed on 5 May. Stall operators were reminded not to dump rubbish in the drainage pipes or remove the devices used by the drainage pipes to block rubbish, so as to prevent drain blockages. In addition, ASD would arrange to replace the defective devices.	
		4.15 The upgrading of the fire service system was substantially completed, pending testing and commissioning of the system by EMSD.	Food Market
5.	Standard of Fish Tank Water	5.1 All the 19 fish tank water samples taken for E. coli testing between May and June 2016 were found satisfactory. FEHD reminded all live fish stall operators to pay constant attention to the sources of fish tank water, and to clean and maintain the disinfection facilities of the fish tanks properly.	Sai Ying Pun Market  Shek Tong Tsui  Market  Smithfield Market
6.	Market Promotion	6.1 Market management contractors would distribute small gifts to market patrons in the coming Mid-Autumn Festival.	
7.	Pest Problem	7.1 A total of 83 rodents were trapped alive and poisoned dead between May and June 2016.	

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8.	Security Problem	8.1 The two-year security services contract was renewed on 1 April. The new contractor was Sky Wise Services Management Limited.	
9.	Other Business	9.1 Concerning the regulation of edible fats and oils and recycling of "waste cooking oils", FEHD had written to cooked food stall operators to introduce briefly the relevant legislative arrangement. FEHD would also revise the terms and conditions of the tenancy agreements in respect of the stalls of cooked food markets/cooked food centres to prohibit the indiscriminate disposal of waste cooking oils. Waste cooking oils must be handed over to a collector, disposer or exporter registered by the Environmental Protection Department for disposal and the records of disposal should be maintained properly. There would be a grace period of 15 months before implementing the new measure.	Sheung Wan Market Sai Ying Pun Market Centre Street Market Shek Tong Tsui Market Smithfield Market
		9.2 A fire broke out in Tai Po Hui Market in May. FEHD reminded stall operators to clean the hood regularly. If oil/grease was found accumulating on hoods, cleansing should be arranged immediately.	All markets

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	9.3	FEHD reminded stall operators to stay safe when using electrical appliances, so as to avoid the danger of circuit overload.	

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