

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Central and Western District
Market Management Consultative Committee
Digest of Meeting
(January 2017 – April 2017)

Agenda	Summary	Market
1. <u>Obstruction of Passageway</u>	1.1 Number of prosecutions against obstruction of passageway since last meeting (1 January to 30 April 2017): <u>Sheung Wan Market</u> : 4 (2 wet goods stalls, 2 vegetable stalls) <u>Sai Ying Pun Market</u> : 5 (5 vegetable stalls) <u>Centre Street Market</u> : 0 <u>Shek Tong Tsui Market</u> : 6 (3 fruit stalls, 1 flower stall, 2 vegetable stalls) <u>Smithfield Market</u> : 3 (1 vegetable stall, 2 fruit stalls) <u>Queen Street Cooked Food Market</u> : 0	<u>All markets</u>
2. <u>Management and Cleansing</u>	2.1 To enhance environmental hygiene to combat human swine influenza, “Market Cleansing Day” was introduced and would remain in force. The “Market Cleansing Day” for markets in the District was on the 5 th day and the 20 th day of each month. Stall operators were	<u>All markets</u>

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	<p>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.</p> <p>2.2 Some stall operators pointed out that the passageways and lifts of the Market had been used for transporting refuse. The management company had arranged to close the gate to refuse depots after 8:00 p.m. every day and the situation had improved. As some stall operators said that it would also happen between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., the management company would continue to follow up the situation in order to stop refuse disposal via passageways and would seek assistance from the Cleansing Section.</p> <p>2.3 Some stall operators pointed out that a strong odour was emitted from the entrance and exit at First Street. After investigation, it was revealed</p>	<p></p> <p><u>Shek Tong Tsui Market</u></p> <p><u>Centre Street Market</u></p>

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	<p>that the blockage of the sewer manhole in the adjacent engine room had caused the accumulation of effluent and emission of odour through the air vent. The management company, in collaboration with the Architectural Services Department (Arch SD) had immediately cleared the sewer manhole and conducted thorough cleansing work. The situation had improved now. The management company would continue to monitor the situation of the sewer manhole in the engine room.</p> <p>2.4 Some stall operators pointed out that the washing basins of the female toilet on 2/F were always blocked. District Council Member Mr NG Siu-hong requested that inspection and cleansing should be enhanced. District Council Member Ms SIU Ka-yi said that it was necessary to check whether same situation had occurred in the toilets on other floors. The Chairman directed the contractor to enhance inspection and cleansing while FEHD would explore with Arch SD the improvement measures.</p>	<p><u>Sheung Wan Market</u></p>
3. <u>Ventilation</u>	3.1 Stall operators pointed out that the	<u>Sheung Wan</u>

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	<p>exhaust airflow volume in the cooked food centre on 2/F was insufficient. To follow up the issue, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) said the defective air dampers and air pipes of individual stalls were replaced, and the situation had improved now. EMSD would continue to monitor the situation in relation to the exhaust airflow.</p> <p>3.2 Stall operators reported the air conditioning problem in the market. To follow up the issue, installation of temperature sensors and readjustment work in respect of the air conditioners were completed by EMSD in the period between February and March 2017.</p>	<p><u>Market</u></p> <p><u>Centre Street Market</u></p>
<p>4. <u>Repairs and Maintenance</u></p>	<p>4.1 Replacement of escalators nos. E3 and E4 connecting G/F and 3/F at the Queen's Road Central entrance of Sheung Wan Market was currently in progress. It was expected to be completed in mid-July. Replacement of escalators no. E1 and E2 at Bonham Strand would commence immediately upon completion of the above work.</p>	<p><u>Sheung Wan Market</u></p>

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	<p>4.2 The repair and improvement works of Lift L2 was completed on 12 April. The lift had resumed normal operation since then. Stall operators were urged to avoid improper use of lifts and escalators which would affect their normal operation. They were also asked to relay the message to individuals assigned with the duties of transporting goods.</p> <p>4.3 The MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) said 95% of the works of the West Block was completed. As regards the request of the stall operators about opening the entrance on G/F that led to the side lane linking First Street and Second Street as soon as possible, FEHD said it would express their view to MTRCL and discuss with MTRCL the practical arrangement in this regard.</p> <p>4.4 In view of the power outage caused by a short circuit occurred in a fish stall, replacement of the aged wires of 5 stalls on G/F of the market were conducted and completed in mid-April after inspections by EMSD. EMSD would closely monitor the situation of other stalls.</p>	<p><u>Sai Ying Pun Market</u></p> <p><u>Centre Street Market</u></p> <p><u>Smithfield Market</u></p>

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	<p>4.5 EMSD would arrange to replace lifts L5, L6 and L7. The replacement work of Lift L6 was scheduled to commence on 22 May 2017 and expected to be completed in July 2017. EMSD would arrange replacement of the three lifts one after another to minimise the inconvenience that would cause to stall operators.</p>	<p><u>Smithfield Market</u></p>
	<p>4.6 The works by Arch SD to replace the main gate would commence on 24 May 2017 and was expected to be completed in mid-July 2017. During the works period, the main gate at Smithfield had to be closed temporarily. FEHD would display banners and notices to remind the public to use other entrances.</p>	<p><u>Smithfield Market</u></p>
	<p>4.7 As regards the re-ordering of market stalls on 1/F, the remaining two chilled poultry stalls had moved out on 1 April 2017, leaving more space for better planning and design. FEHD was now discussing the arrangements in relation to the floor design and the construction details with Arch SD. It was hoped that the works could start in the third or fourth quarter this year. The</p>	<p><u>Sai Ying Pun Market</u></p>

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	air-conditioning and escalators on 1/F had been temporarily turned off in order to save energy.	
5. <u>Standard of Fish Tank Water</u>	5.1 All the 43 fish tank water samples taken between January and April 2017 for E. coli testing respectively 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.	<u>Sheung Wan Market</u> <u>Sai Ying Pun Market</u> <u>Shek Tong Tsui Market</u> <u>Smithfield Market</u>
6. <u>Market Promotion</u>	6.1 Market management contractors would distribute small gifts to market patrons at Dragon Boat Festival. 6.2 FEHD would organise promotional activities in Shek Tong Tsui Market in order to enhance patronage. FEHD would issue letters to invite the households near the market to join a family cooking fun day (齊齊下廚家樂日) to be organised on 27 and 28 May 2017 on 1/F of the Market. In the event, instructors would teach participants how to make cartoon glutinous rice balls. Besides, goodwill message cards would be distributed to the attendees. “The Best Stall Operator Award	<u>All markets</u> <u>Shek Tong Tsui Market</u>

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	<p>Scheme” (最佳檯商獎項計劃)was planned to be organised in September 2017. Households near the Market would be invited to vote for the best stall operator. People who casted the votes would be presented with a souvenir and could join the lucky draw. The winners would be awarded with a trophy and the result would be announced on the FEHD’s website.</p>	
7. <u>Pest Problem</u>	7.1 A total of 171 rodents were trapped alive and poisoned dead between January and April 2017.	<u>All markets</u>
8. <u>Security Problem</u>	8.1 Stall operators pointed out that some leave relief security guards were not familiar with the work procedures. FEHD would relay the situation to the security services company.	<u>Sai Ying Pun Market</u>
9. <u>Other Business</u>	9.1 FEHD and market management contractors would continue to follow up on non-trading stalls or stalls which committed irregularities such as using the stall for storage purpose in the markets. FEHD would continue to handle breaches of terms and conditions of the tenancy agreements by stall operators in a serious manner.	<u>Sheung Wan Market</u> <u>Shek Tong Tsui Market</u>

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	<p>9.2 The Chairman reminded all stall operators that the new clause in the tenancy agreement in relation to waste cooking oils (WCO) would come into operation on 1 February 2018. Operators of cooked food stalls would be required to arrange collection of WCO by WCO collectors/processors/exporters registered by the Environmental Protection Department.</p>	<p><u>Sheung Wan Market</u> <u>Queen Street Cooked Food Market</u> <u>Centre Street Market</u> <u>Shek Tong Tsui Market</u> <u>Smithfield Market</u></p>

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