

Food and Environmental Hygiene Department
Central and Western District
Market Management Consultative Committee
Digest of Meeting
(May 2017 – April 2018)

Agenda	Summary	Market
1. <u>Obstruction of Passageway</u>	1.1 Number of prosecutions against obstruction of passageway since last meeting (1 May 2017 to 30 April 2018): <u>Sheung Wan Market</u> : 4 (3 wet goods stalls, 1 dry goods stall) <u>Sai Ying Pun Market</u> : 13 (11 vegetable stalls, 2 fish stalls) <u>Centre Street Market</u> : 5 (2 fruit stalls, 2 wet goods stalls, 1 dry goods stall) <u>Shek Tong Tsui Market</u> : 12 (6 fruit stalls, 2 flower stalls, 2 vegetable stalls, 2 fish stalls) <u>Smithfield Market</u> : 11 (6 vegetable stalls, 2 fruit stalls, 3 dry goods 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 (the Department) 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 between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. The management company had stepped up inspections to stop such activities and the situation had improved.</p> <p>2.3 As regards the blockage of washing basins of the female toilet on 2/F, the Architectural Services Department (ArchSD) had completed the improvement work on drain pipes and the situation had improved. In addition, the management company had stepped up inspection and cleansing of toilets on every floor.</p> <p>2.4 Some stall operators pointed out that cleansing workers had wetted the commodities placed near the stalls and splashed passers-by when they washed the floor. The management company had urged the staff to avoid</p>	<p></p> <p><u>Shek Tong Tsui Market</u></p> <p><u>Sheung Wan Market</u></p> <p><u>Sheung Wan Market</u> <u>Sai Ying Pun Market</u> <u>Centre Street Market</u></p>

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	the problem from happening again.	
3. <u>Ventilation</u>	<p>3.1 The Electrical and Mechanical Services Department (EMSD) completed the replacement of louvres of the outlet of the exhaust system on 1 December 2017 and finished the cleansing of the exhaust system (including facilities such as exhaust air ducts) in the cooked food market in mid-December. In addition, EMSD cleansed the water scrubber system on 8 February.</p> <p>3.2 EMSD completed the second phase of the improvement works in respect of the air-conditioning system of the air-conditioning plant room in the cooked food centre at the end of February. The Department and EMSD would closely monitor the operation of the air-conditioning system and continue to explore other appropriate and necessary improvement measures.</p>	<p><u>Queen Street Cooked Food Market</u></p> <p><u>Sheung Wan Market</u></p>
4. <u>Repairs and Maintenance</u>	<p>4.1 The replacement of escalators E3 and E4 at the Queen's Road Central entrance was completed on 19 July 2017. The replacement of escalators E1 and E2 at Bonham Strand was completed on 28 November.</p> <p>4.2 The operation of escalators in the cooked food centre had been</p>	<p><u>Sheung Wan Market</u></p> <p><u>Queen Street Cooked Food</u></p>

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	<p>suspended due to the need to replace the ageing parts of the escalators. The Department had displayed notices at conspicuous locations and deployed staff to inform customers during peak hours that they could use the escalators via the glass door entrance to reach the cooked food centre. District Council Member Mr KAM Nai-wai was concerned about the progress of the maintenance work. The EMSD representative explained that the contractor had to order components of the whole set of steps from the overseas original manufacturer for replacement. The Department and EMSD would closely monitor the procurement progress.</p>	<p><u>Market</u></p>
	<p>4.3 District Council Member Mr YEUNG Hoi-wing expressed his concerns about the replacement work of escalators in the Market in a District Council meeting. The Department explained that the funding for 4 escalators had been secured. The replacement work was expected to commence in the end of 2018. The replacement work for the remaining 6 escalators was expected to commence in 2019-2020. Mr YEUNG suggested that further discussions of phased arrangements and timetables of the replacement work would be required by that time in order to minimise the</p>	<p><u>Smithfield Market</u></p>

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	<p>impacts on stall operators.</p> <p>4.4 EMSD commenced the replacement of components of escalator E1 on 15 January and completed the work on 30 January.</p> <p>4.5 The MTR Corporation Limited (MTRCL) said that the works of the West Block passed the fire inspection tests. Multiple inspections of the West Block had also been conducted by relevant departments, during which necessary rectifications and improvements in terms of architecture and building services were pointed out. As regards the request of the stall operators about opening the entrance that led to the side lane as soon as possible, MTRCL said that despite the completion of works in the side lane, ArchSD carried out an inspection and found that there was a risk of concrete falling off the upper part of an exterior wall of the East Block. ArchSD had requested MTRCL to follow up. Besides, the Department would arrange replacement of lighting on the exterior wall in the side lane of the East Block.</p> <p>4.6 ArchSD found that there was a risk of concrete falling off the ceiling above the staircase near First Street. The works of removing loose</p>	<p><u>Centre Street Market</u></p> <p><u>Centre Street Market</u></p> <p><u>Centre Street Market</u></p>

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	<p>concrete and emergency repair works were completed on 25 January.</p> <p>4.7 EMSD completed the replacement work of lifts L6, L5 and L7 in mid-July, at the end of August and in mid-November 2017 respectively.</p> <p>4.8 The works by ArchSD to replace the main gate was completed on 10 July 2017. The Department had handled matters concerning rental waiver and reduction for stall operators who were affected during the course of works.</p> <p>4.9 The works of removing and replacing the drainage pipes on 1/F and the ceiling of UG/F respectively commenced on 20 July 2017. The replacement works on UG/F was completed on 14 August. In response to the stall operators' concern about the noise problem related to the works on 1/F, the contractor had temporarily suspended part of the removal works on 1/F. On 16 October, the Department gave a briefing on the progress of works to the affected stall operators and sought their views on the arrangements for the remaining removal works. After that, the contractor fully resumed removal works on 19 October. However, the removal works of</p>	<p><u>Smithfield Market</u></p> <p><u>Smithfield Market</u></p> <p><u>Sai Ying Pun Market</u></p>

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	<p>footing that emitted louder noise would only be carried out from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. ArchSD completed the remaining removal works on 1/F in mid-December and the protection scaffold on UG/F was removed on 11 December. The Department was handling matters concerning rental waiver and reduction for stall operators who were affected during the course of works. The applications had been submitted to relevant Bureau(x) for approval.</p> <p>4.10 The maintenance works and replacement works of the false ceiling of the male toilets on the mezzanine floor in Shek Tong Tsui Market were completed in early November 2017 by ArchSD.</p> <p>4.11 Some stall operators reported that the rubber rims of the escalator's steps would easily fall out. The Department informed EMSD in mid-January to inspect and replace the worn-out rubber rims of the escalator's steps during installation of the escalator monitoring system. The Department would continue to monitor the situation.</p>	<p><u>Shek Tong Tsui Market</u></p> <p><u>Shek Tong Tsui Market</u></p>
<p>5. <u>Standard of Fish Tank Water</u></p>	<p>5.1 All the 127 and 23 fish tank water samples taken between May 2017 and April 2018 for <i>E. coli</i> and <i>Vibrio</i></p>	<p><u>Sheung Wan Market</u> <u>Sai Ying Pun</u></p>

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	<p><i>cholerae</i> testing respectively were found satisfactory. The Department 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.</p>	<p><u>Market</u> <u>Shek Tong Tsui</u> <u>Market</u> <u>Smithfield Market</u></p>
<p>6. <u>Market Promotion</u></p>	<p>6.1 Market management contractors would distribute small gifts and calendars to market patrons at Mid-Autumn Festival and at Christmas. In addition, the contractors would arrange to distribute red packets and red couplets to market patrons and stall operators before the Lunar New Year.</p> <p>6.2 The family cooking fun day (齊齊下廚家樂日) organised by the Department on 27 May and 28 May 2017 was well received. Subsequently, the Department organised promotional activities in the market from 8 to 14 January, inviting the households near the market to vote for the best stall operator. The award ceremony was successfully held on 19 January.</p>	<p><u>All markets</u></p> <p><u>Shek Tong Tsui</u> <u>Market</u></p>
<p>7. <u>Pest Problem</u></p>	<p>7.1 A total of 312 and 671 rodents were trapped alive and poisoned dead respectively between May 2017 and April 2018.</p>	<p><u>All markets</u></p>

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8. <u>Security Problem</u>	8.1 Some stall operators raised their concern over the security at the two emergency exits in the red brick area. The Department had instructed the security contractor to step up patrols in the area.	<u>Smithfield Market</u>
9. <u>Other Business</u>	<p>9.1 The Department reminded the stall operators that they must continue to strictly comply with the terms and conditions of the tenancy agreements. The Department would issue warnings to stall operators who had committed irregularities (e.g. stalls which were non-trading or used for storage purposes) and would terminate the tenancy agreement with habitual offenders in accordance with the established procedures.</p> <p>9.2 The Department collaborated with the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) to implement a two-year scheme to separate food waste at markets and cooked food centres. The Department would engage food waste collection contractors to collect recyclable food waste donated voluntarily by stall operators. The contractor's staff would help to collect the recyclable food waste at the stalls every day, move the food waste collection bins to the designated food waste collection point in the market for delivery to the Recovery Centre at</p>	<p><u>All markets</u></p> <p><u>Sheung Wan Market</u> <u>Sai Ying Pun Market</u> <u>Shek Tong Tsui Market</u> <u>Smithfield Market</u></p>

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	<p>Siu Ho Wan of North Lantau where food waste would be handled properly. Prior to the implementation of the scheme, EPD would arrange the Green Council to introduce the scheme and give a briefing to the stall operators, encouraging them to participate in the scheme and teaching them how to separate and recycle food waste at the markets and cooked food centres. The stall operators would be informed of the implementation date and the operation arrangements of the scheme in due course.</p> <p>9.3 To compliment the implementation of the Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Charging and promote waste reduction and recycling, the Environment and Conservation Fund had allocated funds to the Green Council for conducting a trial scheme on MSW charging. The Council wished to invite stall operators to participate in the trial scheme to facilitate better understanding of the operation of the MSW charging. The Council would explain and brief the stall operators of the trial scheme in the market. Stall operators could participate on a voluntary basis.</p>	<p><u>Smithfield Market</u></p>

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