## <u>Application period for Food Courts</u> <u>Subsidy Scheme to end on March 31</u>

A spokesman for the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) today (March 27) said that the application period for the Food Courts Subsidy Scheme under the fourth round of the Anti-epidemic Fund (AEF) will end at 5pm on March 31 (Wednesday). Operators of eligible licensed food factories in operation, who are interested in the Scheme, are reminded to submit their applications before the deadline.

The spokesman said, "The Scheme opened for application since March 1 and as of March 25, over 370 applications for the Scheme have been received, among which 20 applications have been approved with a sum of \$570,000 disbursed. The FEHD will process the applications as soon as possible so as to provide assistance to eligible licence holders promptly,"

The application form and guidelines can be obtained from District Environmental Hygiene Offices of the FEHD or downloaded from the website of the FEHD (www.fehd.gov.hk). Eligible food factory licence holders should submit their applications to the District Environmental Hygiene Offices of the FEHD in person or by mail. Upon receipt of the completed application form and supporting documents and after verification, the FEHD will disburse the subsidy in approximately two weeks by mailing crossed cheques to the corresponding licensed food premises.

For details of the Scheme, please visit the website of the FEHD.