Urban underground space development design competition concludes successfully (with photos)

The prize presentation ceremony for the Design Ideas Competition of the "Pilot Study on Underground Space Development in Selected Strategic Urban Areas" was held at the City Gallery today (August 16). A roving exhibition showcasing about 30 entries for the proposed planning and design of underground space development at Kowloon Park was also launched.

Addressing the ceremony, the Director of Civil Engineering and Development, Mr Lam Sai-hung, said he was delighted to see that the entries demonstrated creativity and integrated artistic elements and sustainable development into their design. The design ideas have also outlined the development concept for creating a coherent, connected, high quality and vibrant network of underground space.

The Director of Planning, Mr Raymond Lee, said at the ceremony that the innovative ideas and creative designs from the community would help inspire urban planners to think from a new perspective and find new directions in urban planning. The design concepts of the winning entries would be used as references in enhancing the overall design concepts for future underground space development.

The panel of judges commended the winning entries for being able to effectively make use of simple and innovative design to integrate underground space with the ground environment, and have at the same time improved pedestrian connectivity and created additional space for the public.

Jointly organised by the Civil Engineering and Development Department and the Planning Department, the Design Ideas Competition of the "Pilot Study on Underground Space Development in Selected Strategic Urban Areas" set Kowloon Park in the Tsim Sha Tsui West Strategic Urban Area as the design framework. The panel of judges consisted of representatives from various professional bodies including the architectural, engineering, surveying, planning, urban design and landscape architecture sectors. For more information about the roving exhibition on the competition entries, please visit www.urbanunderground.gov.hk/DesignComp.php?locale=en.









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Sample of bottled plum sauce imported

from Thailand in breach of food labelling regulations

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department today (August 16) announced that a kind of bottled plum sauce imported from Thailand has been found to contain a preservative, sulphur dioxide, that was not declared on the product's food label, in breach of the food labelling regulations. Follow-up is in progress.

Product details are as follows:

Product name: Mekhala all natural plum sauce dressing dip

Place of origin: Thailand

Manufacturer: Mekhala Living (Thailand) Co Ltd

Packaging: 250 millilitres per bottle

Best-before date: May 30, 2019

"The CFS took the above-mentioned sample from a shop in Central for testing under its routine Food Surveillance Programme. The test result showed that the sample contained sulphur dioxide undeclared on its food label. The CFS has informed the vendor concerned of the irregularity and instructed it to stop sale and remove from shelves the affected batch of the product," a CFS spokesman said.

The spokesman pointed out that although the level of sulphur dioxide contained (121 parts per million) in the above-mentioned sample is within the legal limit, susceptible individuals who are allergic to sulphur dioxide may experience breathing difficulties, headache and nausea if they consume this kind of food.

The spokesman urged the trade to observe the relevant laws and regulations. The Food and Drugs (Composition and Labelling) Regulations (Cap. 132W) require that the food ingredients of all prepackaged food for sale in Hong Kong should be listed out in the list of ingredients. The maximum penalty upon conviction is a fine of \$50,000 and six months' imprisonment.

The CFS will notify the trade, continue to follow up on the incident and take appropriate action. Investigation is ongoing.