

## CFS and Department of Food Safety Sampling and Monitoring of State Administration for Market Regulation sign MOU on food safety co-operation (with photo)

The Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the Department of Food Safety Sampling and Monitoring of the State Administration for Market Regulation (SAMR) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on food safety co-operation today (May 12). The MOU aims to strengthen the exchanges on food sampling and surveillance, and enhance the co-operation in the field of food safety between the Mainland and Hong Kong.

The MOU was signed by the Controller of the CFS, Dr Christine Wong, and the Deputy Director General of the Department of Food Production and Operation Safety Regulation of the SAMR, Ms Zhang Shixia. It was witnessed by the Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene, Mr Donald Ng, and the Chief Inspector of Food Safety of the SAMR, Mr Sun Huichuan.

The MOU seeks to deepen the exchanges and co-operation between the Mainland and Hong Kong on food safety. Specifically, the MOU covers enhancing the exchanges of information related to food safety sampling and monitoring; discussing co-operation in the fields of food safety risk alert and risk communication; and establishing a mechanism to exchange views on important issues of common concern.

A spokesman for the CFS said, "We expect that the signing of the MOU can enhance communication on food safety between the Mainland and Hong Kong to better ensure public food safety."

