

## FEHD appeals for earnest participation in year-end clean-up campaign (with photos)

To tie in with the tradition of pre-Lunar New Year clean-up, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) launched a year-end clean-up campaign across the territory today (January 6), appealing for the public's earnest participation in keeping households, communities and public places clean to welcome the Year of the Snake.

An FEHD spokesman said, "The annual year-end clean-up campaign started today and will last for 21 days with a focus on improving community hygiene and maintaining a clean and hygienic environment in Hong Kong."

Throughout the campaign, the FEHD will use pressure washer surface cleaners at more locations to clean the streets across the territory. The FEHD will also strengthen cleaning services in rear lanes and hygiene blackspots while stepping up the cleaning of public facilities under its management, such as markets, cooked food centres, hawker bazaars, public toilets and refuse collection points. Cleaning of problematic sites with illegal refuse dumping and other public cleanliness offences will also be enhanced. FEHD staff will increase inspections, cleaning and disinfection of communal areas and market facilities, reminding stall tenants to thoroughly clean their stalls.

In addition, the FEHD will conduct mosquito and rodent prevention and control operations in places such as old tenement buildings, streets, rear lanes, village houses and construction sites based on district needs, especially enhancing night rodent control measures.

The spokesman added that to ensure the cleanliness of public places, the department will continue to strengthen enforcement and issue fixed penalty notices to those who violate public cleanliness and obstruction regulations.

For more information about the year-end clean-up campaign and environmental hygiene, please visit the FEHD website at [www.fehd.gov.hk](http://www.fehd.gov.hk).

The spokesman stressed that maintaining a clean and hygienic community hinges on everyone's co-operation and earnest participation. He called for collective efforts from the public to maintain environmental hygiene and enjoy a clean environment in the upcoming Lunar New Year.

