

## **Special measures for New Year celebrations**

Special measures will be introduced on New Year's eve to help keep the Cultural Centre and the vicinity clean and safe for celebrations.

An inter-departmental meeting was held this (December 27) afternoon among the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), Health, Welfare and Food Bureau (HWFB), Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD), the Police, Home Affairs Bureau (HAB), Education Department (ED) and Social Welfare Department (SWD).

It was decided that publicity would be stepped up in the coming days to spread the message of caring for the environment and public property during festive occasions, a spokesman for the LCSD said.

The LCSD will reinforce the message by putting up more banners, arranging public broadcast and deploying more staff at the Cultural Centre.

To tackle the problems of littering, illegal hawking and vandalism, special squads will be formed by representatives from LCSD, FEHD and Police.

Officers will persuade and warn offenders first. Should warning fails, appropriate enforcement action will be taken.

To speed up the cleaning of the venue, both on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, FEHD will arrange for additional large refuse bins to be placed at the Cultural Centre and for large refuse trucks to clear the rubbish away.

The spokesman added that youth groups have also agreed to mobilise their members to act as "Ambassadors" to help in the clean-up operation and to spread the message of love for our environment and public property.

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