

**Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene**

**Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Public Markets**

**Proposed terms of reference, work plan and time frame**

Proposed terms of reference

To study and review issues relating to the business environment of public markets; assess the demand for public markets according to the district-based principle; examine the Administration's proposals for the rental adjustment mechanism and air-conditioning charging arrangement for public market stalls and relevant issues; and make timely recommendations.

Proposed work plan

The Subcommittee will focus on studying and making recommendations on the following major issues :

- (a) studying and reviewing the positioning, functions and usage of public markets;
- (b) following up on the consultancy study on improving the operating environment of public markets commissioned by the Administration;
- (c) following up on measures proposed by the Administration for improving the operating environment of public markets;
- (d) examining the rental adjustment mechanism for public market stalls;
- (e) studying issues concerning the provision of air-conditioning facilities in public markets and the charging arrangement; and
- (f) studying issues relating to the establishment of new markets.

Proposed time frame

The Subcommittee will complete its work within 12 months of its commencement and report to the Panel.