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Research Study: Food Safety Control and Environmental Hygiene in Overseas Countries

Outline

1. Define and describe food safety control and its relationship with environmental hygiene. This applies principally to agriculture, fisheries, animal husbandry and food manufacturing. The environmental hygiene aspects cover mainly sewage disposal and hygiene in farms, factories and restaurants.
2. Compare the organization of food safety control and environmental hygiene in overseas countries, including US, UK, Singapore and Japan. The analysis will cover the organization structure of relevant authorities, including their functions and scope of work, responsibility and accountability. In particular, the study will analyse the relationship between the authorities for food safety control and the Health Minister.
3. Discuss the mechanism of implementing food safety control and environmental hygiene in overseas countries.
4. Explore the different crisis management systems relating to food safety control and environmental hygiene in overseas countries.
5. Implications for Hong Kong.

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