

Open-air Bazaars

“Open-air bazaar” is not a defined term in our legislation. Apart from Hawker Permitted Places (such as those in Tung Choi Street, Tai Yuen Street and Apliu Street) where licensed fixed hawker pitches concentrate, there are many other forms of open-air bazaars. Depending on the circumstances of each case, stall operators may have to obtain the required licences or permits, including Temporary Food Factory Licence, Temporary Places of Entertainment Licence, Frozen Confection Permit, etc. Below are some examples of open-air bazaars for Members’ reference.

1. Open-air bazaars organised by community groups and co-organised by Government departments

(a) Wong Tai Sin Dragon Market (2002)

- ◆ Jointly-organised by Wong Tai Sin District Council (DC), Lok Kwan Social Service (a non-profit-making charitable organisation), Employees Retraining Board, Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions and Home Affairs Department (HAD).
- ◆ Held in the open space next to Wong Tai Sin Temple under a short-term tenancy for about three months.
- ◆ Featured stalls selling general merchandise and cooked food with entertainment performances on weekends and Sundays as public appeal.
- ◆ Lok Kwan Social Service provided assistance in the operation of the stalls on a non-profit making basis with a view to providing job opportunities to the unemployed and encouraging them to face adversities with a positive attitude.

(b) Hong Kong Computer Festival (Since 2002)

- ◆ Organised by the Working Group on Promoting Local Community Economy of Shum Shui Po DC, and co-organised by Shum Shui Po District Office (DO) and the Chamber of Hong Kong Computer Industry.
- ◆ In 2008, the Festival was held for four days at the temporary pedestrian precincts in Fuk Wa Street, Kweilin Street and Fuk Wing Street in Shum Shui Po. Approval to use the venue was given by Lands Department.
- ◆ Features stalls selling information technology-related products.

(c) Tai Kok Tsui Temple Fair (since 2005)

- ◆ Organised by the Mong Kok Kai Fong Association Limited, co-organised by Yau Tsim Mong DO and sponsored by Yau Tsim Mong DC.
- ◆ An annual event held on a Sunday around Hung Shing Festival. During the Fair, certain roads in Tai Kok Tsui are designated temporary pedestrian precincts. There are also parades, stage and folk culture performances, Poon Choi feast, booth games and product sales.
- ◆ Apart from stalls selling dry goods, souvenirs, food and snacks, “venture stalls” were offered free for the youths and members of the local community to sell feature items.

(d) Social Enterprise Marketplace (2008)

- ◆ Jointly-organised by Wan Chai DC, Hong Kong Council of Social Services and Wan Chai DO.
- ◆ A one-day event held on Sunday in the pedestrian precincts in Pak Sha Road, Lee Garden Road and Russell Street in Causeway Bay.

- ◆ Featured stalls selling handicrafts, fair trade products and organic products and offering services for the elderly.

(e) Fall/Winter Sheung Wan Promenade (2008)

- ◆ Jointly-organised by Central & Western DO and Central & Western DC.
- ◆ Every Sunday for about three months outside Western Market and in Bonham Strand, Morrison Street and Wing Lok Street of the Central & Western District. Road closure was required for the event.
- ◆ Featured stalls selling general merchandise, paintings, handicrafts and snacks; cultural performances were also given.

(f) Live a Lifestyle of Health & Sustainability (2009)

- ◆ Jointly-organised by Wan Chai DC, Hong Kong Organic Farming Association and Wan Chai DO.
- ◆ Held in Gloucester Road Garden, Wan Chai for three consecutive Sundays.
- ◆ Featured stalls selling organic fruits and vegetables, delicacies, household groceries and skin care products.

2. Open-air bazaars organised by the Government in public areas

(a) Sea-land Market for Ecological Leisure in Tai Po Waterfront (Since 2007)

- ◆ Held on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays on the public pier deck at the far end of Tai Po Waterfront Park Promenade.
- ◆ Jointly-organised by the New Territories Association of Societies (Community Services) Foundation Limited and Tai Po DO as part

of HAD's Enhancing Self-reliance Through District Partnership Programme.

- ◆ Features stalls selling seafood, shrimp paste, handicrafts, artworks and ice cream.

(b) Pilot Scheme for Selling of Agricultural Products by Rural Elderly in Tai Po District (Since 2008)

- ◆ Organised by Tai Po DO with the support of Tai Po DC for elderly farmers to sell their home-grown produce, the scheme is part of the local rural promotion programme to introduce to tourists the local culture and characteristics of Tai Po District.
- ◆ Held from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. daily on a portion of the pavement at Po Heung Street next to Tai Po Rural Committee.

3. Open-air bazaars organised by Government departments in Government venues

(a) Hong Kong Park Arts Corner (2009)

- ◆ Organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD).
- ◆ Held on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays at Hong Kong Park.
- ◆ Features stalls selling handicrafts and offering photography service.

(b) Victoria Park Arts Corner (2009)

- ◆ Organised by LCSD.
- ◆ Held on Sundays and public holidays at the South Pavilion Plaza of Victoria Park.

- ◆ Features stalls selling handicrafts and artworks and offering photography service.

4. Farmer / Fisherman bazaars

(a) Farmer/Fisherman Hawker Site at Yung Shue Wan, Lama Island (Since 1982)

- ◆ Held from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. daily at the open space, which was once a temporary market, at 52 Yung Shue Wan Main Street, Lama Island where farmers / fishermen sell surplus fish and agricultural products under certain restrictions.
- ◆ The hawking activities are managed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD).

(b) Shek Wu Hui Farmers' Produce Retailing Point (Since 1984)

- ◆ Held from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. daily at the rear of 98 San Fung Avenue, Sheung Shui where farmers / fishermen sell surplus fish and agricultural products under certain restrictions.
- ◆ The hawking activities are managed by the FEHD.