

Legislative Council Panel on Security

Public Education on the Control of Pyrotechnic Effects

Purpose

This paper gives a brief account on the Government's effort to step up public education and publicity on the control of fireworks and pyrotechnic materials.

Background

2. Further to the issue of the LegCo Paper No. CB(2) 745/08-09(01) on January 2009, one of the Members has requested supplementary information on the Government's efforts on public education in respect of the control of indoor pyrotechnic effects.

Public Education and Publicity on the Control of Pyrotechnics

3. In response to the recent fatal blazes in places outside Hong Kong caused by misuse of fireworks and pyrotechnic materials, the Government has stepped up public education and publicity to raise public awareness of the control of fireworks and pyrotechnic materials and the hazards of their misuse as follows:

- (a) Press release was issued on 8th February 2009 to urge members of the public not to use pyrotechnic materials and liquefied petroleum gas for special effects without permit.
- (b) After the press release, the Television and Entertainment Licensing Authority sent out thousands of letters to relevant establishments/companies/operators in the commercial sectors to remind them of the statutory requirements.

- (c) Radio and TV Announcements of Public Interest (API's) have been launched to remind concerned operators and members of the public of the statutory requirements for the control of fireworks and pyrotechnic materials, and the fire and safety hazards that may cause by their misuse.
- The radio API has been broadcast since 11th February 2009.
 - The TV API is being produced and is expected to be ready for broadcast by end March 2009.

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