

Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Bazaars

Follow-up actions arising from the meeting on 21 January 2017

The Administration is requested to provide information on:

Hawker-related issues

- (a) the detailed procedure for registering the unlicensed operators in the Yen Chow Street Temporary Hawker Bazaar ("cloth bazaar"), including (i) how the six on-site surveys carried out during the period between December 2013 and January 2014 were conducted, (ii) the reasons for excluding 17 persons who have been operating in the cloth bazaar from the list of registered unlicensed operators, and (iii) whether the Administration would re-consider the claims of these persons;
- (b) the Administration's considerations, plans and timetable for issuing new hawker licences;
- (c) the Administration's measures to facilitate holders of "permit of registered assistant" to apply for (including to apply for the transfer of/succession to) hawker licences with a view to solving the "succession problem";

Applications for setting up bazaars and their operation

- (d) the roles of various departments under the existing policy on bazaars with details on the "established mechanism" adopted by departments in handling bazaar proposals;
- (e) the Administration's response to Subcommittee members' suggestion of establishing a one-stop platform (with representatives from all relevant departments)/designated department/task force to facilitate the public in making applications for setting up bazaars;
- (f) the Administration's response to deputations' request for the Government to initiate bazaars for participation by interested parties (i.e. similar to the arrangement of organizing Lunar New Year Fairs in various districts);

- (g) the Government's policies and measures for monitoring and controlling noise nuisance caused by street performers and bazaar operators (e.g. street performers in Mong Kok Pedestrian Precinct ("MKPP")), including the noise control requirements that performers and operators have to comply with;
- (h) whether the use of liquefied petroleum gas cartridges (0.55 litre) for heating food would be allowed in bazaars (i.e. not regarded as using "naked flame");
- (i) the Administration's response to the 142 sites for setting up bazaars identified by "Supporting Grassroots' Bazaar", and the relevant government departments responsible for vetting applications for the use of these sites;
- (j) the Administration's response to deputations' request for the Government to consider identifying a list of suitable sites over the territory that are supported by relevant District Councils for setting up bazaars;
- (k) the reason for not setting up bazaar again at the rooftop of Wing Fong Street Market in Kwai Chung despite the fact that the bazaar held at that location had been successful and welcomed by the public and local residents; and
- (l) the Administration's response to the views raised by deputations/individuals at the meeting and in their submissions.