

Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Bazaars

**Policies and issues relating to
Lunar New Year bazaars and cooked food bazaars**

Purpose

This paper seeks to update Members on matters relating to Lunar New Year bazaars and cooked food bazaars.

Policies relating to bazaars

2. The Government adopts a positive attitude towards specific bottom-up proposals for organising bazaars. When suitable sites have been identified by the organisations concerned (i.e. the venue owners have no in-principle objection to the proposed bazaars being held at their venues at the proposed time slots) and support from local communities and respective DCs have been obtained, provided that the bazaar proposals will not compromise public order and safety, food safety and environmental hygiene, and will not obstruct public passageways, the Government will facilitate liaison with the relevant bureaux and departments regarding the use of the sites.

Lunar New Year Bazaars and Cooked Food Bazaars in 2017

3. Just like other bazaar proposals, the Government is positive about any proposals to set up bazaars during the Lunar New Year. The proposals put up so far are mainly positioned as public events for celebration of festivities.

4. In 2017, two cooked food bazaar for the Lunar New Year have been organized by different community organisations in Sham Shui Po, namely one on Maple Street between 28 January 2017 and 30 January 2017 (the first three days of the Lunar New Year) and another at Tung Chau Street between 27 January 2017 and 29 January 2017 (the eve and the first two days of the Lunar New Year); and an arts and crafts fair was

organized in Tung Chung on 11 February 2017 (i.e. the Spring Lantern Festival on the 15th Day of the Lunar New Year). As regards the Government's proposal to set up a cooked food bazaar in Mong Kok on 28 January 2017 and 30 January 2017 (the first three days of the Lunar New Year), while the Yau Tsim Mong District Council supported the idea in principle, the proposed site of MacPherson Playground was voted down in the end.

Procedures

5. We have explained in various papers submitted to the Subcommittee the processing procedures for processing bazaar proposals, including the issue of using “naked flame” at cooked food bazaars (see LC Papers No. CB(1)450/16-17(01) and CB(1)450/16-17(11) for the meeting on 21 January 2017, CB(1) 570/16-17(01), CB(1) 525/16-17(02) and CB(1)570/16-17(03) for the meeting on 21 February 2017, CB(1) 690/16-17(03) and CB(1) 690/16-17(05) for the meeting on 21 March 2017, CB(1) 842/16-17(01) and CB(1) 842/16-17(03) for the meeting on 20 April 2017 and CB(1) 1118/16-17(01) for the meeting on 13 June 2017).