

Subcommittee on Issues Relating to Bazaars

Follow-up actions arising from the meeting on 7 November 2017

1. The Administration is requested to provide information on:
 - (a) the benchmark set by the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau ("CEDB") for considering an event/activity (including bazaars) having tourism appeal and can showcase Hong Kong's local characteristics, such that the Hong Kong Tourism Board will provide facilitations to these events/activities, including promoting them as tourist attractions to overseas visitors;
 - (b) the reason of requiring the organizer of the Hong Kong Bazaars Festival to submit a certificate by a registered engineer certifying that the venue has complied with the building safety requirement ("建築安全證明書") before displaying the publicity boards/banners at the venue;
 - (c) the case of the Kam Sheung Road Flea Market (a privately-run bazaar operated by the MTR Corporation Limited ("MTRCL")) and the Administration's follow-up actions with the imminent closure of the Flea Market, including whether CEDB would discuss with MTRCL to explore ways (e.g. relocation) for the Flea Market to continue operation;
 - (d) details on the consultation to be conducted by the Energizing Kowloon East Office with bazaar organizers and relevant community organizations (besides non-profit making organizations) to gauge their views and concerns in taking forward the initiative of "setting up a weekend flea market on the Tourism Node site at the former airport runway tip" as announced in the Policy Agenda 2017;
 - (e) the issue raised at the meeting on 13 October 2017 on which the Administration's responses are outstanding:
 - (i) a table comparing the procedures in 2017 and 2018 for organizations/operators to apply for setting up Lunar New Year bazaars, with a view to demonstrating measures taken by the Government in streamlining the application procedures and enhancing the processing of applications;

- (f) the two issues raised at the meeting on 24 October 2017 on which the Administration's responses are outstanding:
 - (i) a list of open spaces at the rooftop of public markets that are (i) managed by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department; and (ii) used for installing facilities (e.g. electrical and mechanical facilities); and
 - (ii) the Administration's response on whether the new-term Government would develop a concrete policy on bazaars.
- 2. Members note that stall operators were allowed to cook food (instead of reheating pre-cooked food) at the venue of the 6th Hong Kong Food Carnival recently organized in Kwai Chung Sports Ground. The Administration is requested to provide information on:
 - (a) the conditions under which stall operators would be allowed to cook food for sale in the Food Carnival;
 - (b) the license(s) the operators required to apply for (e.g. Temporary Food Factory Licence, Provisional Fresh Provision Shop Licence, etc.) in the Food Carnival; and
 - (c) whether the same conditions and licensing requirements could be applicable to other cooked food bazaars.
- 3. The Administration is requested to provide responses to:
 - (a) the request of some Subcommittee members for the Under Secretary for Food and Health to relay the following views to the Chief Executive:
 - (i) appointing a Commissioner for Bazaars ("墟市專員") to coordinate efforts of and enhance communication among various government departments and parties during the bazaar application process; and
 - (ii) provide a clear directive/concrete bazaar policy in the 2018 Policy Address;

- (b) the views raised by deputations/individuals at the meeting and in their submissions, including the suggestions of (i) requiring only one 4.5kg CO2 type fire extinguisher for every two cooked food stalls if electricity or Liquefied Petroleum Gas is used; and (ii) allowing two or more cookers to be used in each cooked food stall; and
- (c) the three motions passed at the meeting.

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