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### **Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene**

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#### **Dialogue between the Secretary for Food and Health and the Environmental Hygiene Committees under District Councils on matters relating to keeping Hong Kong clean**

The Administration launched the "Keep Clean 2015 @ Hong Kong: Our Home" campaign ("the Campaign") in August and September 2015 with a view to promoting concerted efforts of the relevant bureaux and departments, the 18 District Councils ("DCs") and different sectors in the community to improve environmental hygiene. During the Campaign, a number of initiatives and measures were devised to tackle some long-standing environmental hygiene problems. The Secretary for Food and Health ("SFH") also met with representatives of the Environmental Hygiene Committees ("EHCs") under DCs to discuss how to harness and build on the spirit permeating the Campaign to make keeping the environment clean an integral part of people's internalized routine. At the meeting, DC members made a number of suggestions on how to improve district environmental hygiene. It was agreed that the Administration's environmental hygiene measures and surveillance would yield better results if there was active involvement by DC members and district personalities who were familiar with the circumstances on the ground.

2. Riding on the momentum of the Campaign, the Administration has put in place a regular meeting mechanism with representatives of EHCs of DCs. SFH will meet with the Chairmen and Vice-chairmen of EHCs about once every six months to keep track of the latest environmental hygiene situations on the ground and key areas requiring attention. The mechanism allows the Administration to review and adjust the relevant strategies in a timely manner.

3. According to the Administration, SFH subsequently met with the representatives of EHCs on 1 February and 20 September 2016. The Administration will report its work on this front at the Panel meeting on 10 January 2017.