

## **Pest Control Advisory Section**

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The Pest Control Advisory Section of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department is the Government's advisor on pest control. It provides professional advice on prevention and control of public health pest to government departments and the public. The services also include control of other pests that cause harm or nuisance to humans.

The services aim to protect the public from vector-borne diseases and harm caused by pests.

### **Activities**

#### **Strategic planning**

To formulate strategies for suppressing breeding of pests that can transmit diseases of local concern such as malaria, dengue fever, plague, typhus fevers and hantaviral disease.

#### **Vector surveillance**

To maintain constant vigilance of disease vectors with territory-wide risk assessment programmes:

- i) Monitoring rat flea, a plague vector, in waterfront public cargo working areas where this vector may be brought in by vessels.
- ii) Assessing the risk of plague transmission in different types of environment with high human concentration such as factories, multipurpose buildings and markets.
- iii) Monitoring the distribution of dengue fever and malaria vectors.

To ensure the Hong Kong International Airport is free from vectors of dengue fever and plague and in accordance with the International Health Regulation (Geneva) 1969, monitoring stations have been set up at strategic locations in the airport for detecting the presence of these vectors.

#### **Prevention of local transmission of vector-borne diseases**

To conduct prompt investigation and initiate control measures upon notification of vector-borne diseases including malaria, dengue fever, Hantaviral disease and typhus fevers.

#### **Technical advice service**

To serve as a centre of technical expertise on pest control matters. Technical advice is given to the pest control staff of the Environmental Hygiene Branch of the

Department and other organisations on effective control of pests which affect public health, including rodents, mosquitoes, fleas and flies.

To provide pest identification service for litigation purpose and enhancing pest control work.

### **Training and health education**

To provide training on pest control to pest control staff working in Hong Kong aiming at enhancing the general standard of their practices.

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