

## **Scientific Committee on Vector-borne Diseases**

## Controlling dengue fever vectors in the winter

The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD) launches a series of thematic operations, in addition to routine mosquito control duties, following the last phase of the annual territory-wide anti-mosquito campaign which ended around mid October 2003 and 2004. The special anti-mosquito operations are to sustain efforts targeting at village houses, passenger and cargo/container terminals, old tenement buildings and other problematic spots in the period from October to February of the next year. Mosquito potential breeding places are eliminated. Warnings on detection of water accumulation likely to contain mosquito larvae or pupae as well as summons on detection of mosquito larvae or pupae are issued.

- 2. The monitoring of the dengue fever vectors by using ovitrap index is maintained in the winter months (November to February). The parties concerned and the public are kept informed of the indices during these months for appropriate actions.
- 3. While anti-mosquito messages were regularly updated on departmental web site during the winter months, announcement of public interest on clearing of mosquito breeding places in winter is broadcasted on TV and radio. Pre-recorded story on anti-mosquito messages is maintained on Interactive Voice Responding System telephone hotline (Tel no.: 2868 0000) whole year round. A pamphlet on clearing of mosquito breeding places in winter is distributed to the public. Outreaching talks on anti-mosquito measures were continued to be held to schools, property management companies and building contractors in the winter months.



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