

MEDIA ADVISORY

Refurbishment at Chinatown Street Market to begin May 2017

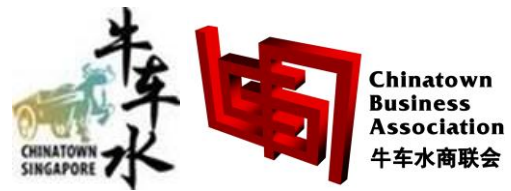


SINGAPORE, 10 March 2017 – Refurbishment works at the Chinatown Street Market will begin from 15 May 2017 and are expected to conclude by end 2018. Involving all Chinatown Street Market stalls along Pagoda, Sago, Smith and Trengganu Streets, this effort is aimed at enhancing Chinatown’s visitor experience and improving fire safety.

In the lead-up to the refurbishment, Chinatown Business Association has been engaging stall tenants, shophouse landlords and other stakeholders to help them understand key details of the refurbishment, seek feedback on new stall designs, address their concerns and make arrangements as necessary. Tenants have also been given a two months’ notice period and informed about the expected refurbishment timeline. The Association will also continue to engage all stall tenants and shophouse landlords during the refurbishment period.

Refurbishment works will take place in phases to minimise disruption, especially during the festive periods of Chinese New Year and Mid-Autumn Festival. This will also ensure that most of Chinatown Street Market remains open for visitors’ enjoyment, with retailers in non-affected areas continuing with business.

To ensure that the precinct continues to provide a pleasant experience during the refurbishment, temporary hoarding around Chinatown Street Market will have directional signs to various attractions and businesses, while fans and lightings will be installed along the five foot-way of affected shophouses.



Refurbished Chinatown Street Market by end 2018

First launched in 2004, the Chinatown Street Market was designed to offer visitors a more authentic experience by re-creating the street hawking scene of the yesteryears.

Come end 2018, visitors can expect a refurbished Chinatown Street Market with 140 stalls selling a mix of merchandise. To enhance the attractiveness of Chinatown Street Market's retail mix, Chinatown Business Association will work closely with tenants to identify merchandise that highlights Chinatown's uniqueness and character.

Standalone street stalls will be furnished with improved roof insulation that provides better heat insulation in Singapore's tropical weather, while extended shelters and rain curtains improve protection from weather elements. Rain curtains will also be installed on the units in front of shophouses, which will also incorporate enhanced fire safety features such as water sprinklers and fire-rated shutters – these will be activated automatically when smoke is detected.

To enliven the precinct and further engage the local community, the Chinatown Business Association will continue to curate and organise activities such as weekly Lion Dance performances, events during festive periods of Chinese New Year and Mid-Autumn Festival, as well as activities such as traditional local games that transport visitors back in time.

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About Chinatown Business Association

Chinatown Business Association was established in 2000 by a group of passionate Chinatown stakeholders to serve and promote the business and community interest of stakeholders in Chinatown. Our primary objective is to enhance the business environment and promote the welfare of businesses in Chinatown. The Association is constantly developing ideas and implementing programs to further develop Chinatown into an attractive precinct for both Singaporeans and tourists alike.

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