

NTUC FOODFARE “ALL DAY” BUKIT PANJANG HAWKER CENTRE & MARKET STALLS NOW OPEN FOR APPLICATION

NTUC Foodfare aims to attract hawkers and foodpreneurs to be part of a thriving, vibrant centre that delivers affordable, one-stop offering of good food and fresh produce for Bukit Panjang residents.

Singapore, 13 July 2015 – NTUC Foodfare today announced that applications for the 26 cooked food stalls, 6 kiosks, 14 market stalls and 14 lock-up stalls at the Bukit Panjang Hawker Centre & Market will be opened on 14 July 2015. The tender will close on 3 August 2015.

Variety of Food Stalls

- 2 NTUC Foodfare conducted a study involving more than 500 households in the Bukit Panjang estate in late 2012 on their needs and expectations of the new hawker centre. Based on the findings of the study, it came up with a list of food necessary for the hawker centre to better meet the needs of the residents and aims to curate and limit any duplication of food sold at the food stalls to ensure variety.

A Boost for Foodpreneurs

- 3 The four stalls in the open category, as well as 6 additional kiosks, are allocated for other food types not listed for tender. These open category stalls are meant for any new food concept and social programmes which interested tenderers may wish to partake in. From a business standpoint, NTUC Foodfare hopes that aspiring new entrants will use the hawker centre stalls as a stepping stone to market their innovative food concepts given the lower investment and capital required before developing into successful chain operators or restaurant/ café owners.
- 4 Tapping on its partners and network, NTUC Foodfare will also be introducing and assisting successful tenderers to apply for available grants and schemes suited for micro businesses to help boost productivity and their business competitiveness, by lowering

their capital investments. Additionally, Foodfare is also in partnership with Employment and Employability Institute (e2i) to help the appointed cleaning contractor apply for a grant that will lower the cost of investment of centralised dishwashing and hence lower the eventual cleaning cost borne by hawkers.

Criteria for Award

- 5** At this new centre, NTUC Foodfare will also move away from tendered rent being the only criteria for awarding the cooked food and market stalls. The evaluation criteria will be based instead on a scorecard with 40% for tendered rent, and 60% for quality, variety, selling price, experience and concept. Shortlisted cooked food stalls tenderers will be required to participate in a food tasting exercise by a tender allocation panel as part of the due process. The panel will include grassroot representatives from Bukit Panjang.

Operating Hours and Joint Operators

- 6** Cooked food stalls are required to operate a minimum of six days a week and 12 hours a day to ensure that there are sufficient stalls open throughout the week for the benefit of residents. As such, Foodfare will allow interested tenderers to have a joint operator for the stall to meet this requirement without incurring additional rent or charges.

7 Revitalising the Wet Market

In the hope of revitalising the wet market, the new centre also aims to bring together hawkers and wholesalers to provide a wide and interesting array of fresh food, local produce, spices, meat and seafood in a clean, “dry” and vibrant environment to woo back both the young and old to enjoy grocery shopping in the market. To this end, Foodfare is partnering NTUC FairPrice to tap on its expertise to develop the concept, evaluate the tenders and manage the successful tenderers. NTUC Fairprice will also be imparting housekeeping and safe operational practices, as well as helping stallholders with their merchandise display to boost their business. Taking the lead to support and operate the market area for longer hours as a one stop shopping destination for residents, NTUC FairPrice will operate a sundry store to complement items not sold by tenderers to provide greater variety.

Tender Application Details

- 8** All Singaporeans & Permanent Residents (PRs) as well as any legal entities wholly owned by Singaporeans or PRs may apply to tender for the stalls. Interested applicants may purchase the forms at 10 Senoko South Road, Level 1 from **14 to 23 July 2015** between 9.00 am to 5.00 pm (excluding weekends and public holidays).

A tender briefing will be held for tenderers on the 24 July 2015 from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm. Interested applicants are advised to pre-register when collecting their tender documents for the tender briefing session. The Bukit Panjang Hawker Centre & Market is expected to open for business by the 4th quarter of this year.

About Bukit Panjang Hawker Centre

The Bukit Panjang Hawker Centre was the first to be announced out of the 20 new centres that the Government will build by 2027.

Bukit Panjang Hawker Centre & Market at a glance:

Stalls	28 Cooked Food Stalls + 6 Food Kiosks 14 Market Stalls + 1 Sundry Stall 14 Lock-Up Stalls
Size	17,200 sq ft – Level 1 17,000 sqft – Level 2
Seating Capacity	500 seats – Level 1
Features	24 seats allocated for Family Dining Kids’ & Family Toilets and Handwash Area Community Space at Level 2
Operating Hours of Centre	6.00 am to 10.30 pm

About NTUC Foodfare

NTUC Foodfare was founded in 1995 to help moderate prices of cooked food amidst profiteering in Singapore during the introduction of GST. Since then, NTUC Foodfare has helped to mitigate food and beverage price increases during tough times and continues to fulfill this social role by maintaining a basket of basic food and beverage at low prices; and provides a variety of good quality, safe and value-for-money cooked food to help stretch the hard-earned dollars of workers.

NTUC Foodfare currently manages over 70 retail outlets in various formats including foodcourt, coffeeshops, cafes and food stalls. NTUC Foodfare was the first social enterprise appointed to manage a hawker centre in 2012. It was also appointed to manage Bedok Interchange Hawker Centre since March 2015.

For more details on NTUC Foodfare Co-operative Ltd or Foodfare outlets, please visit www.foodfare.com.sg

Chinese Translations

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