

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB174

(Question Serial No. 1245)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): (-) Not Specified

Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Ms Michelle LI)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

An Intangible Cultural Heritage Office (ICHO) was set up in May 2015 to heighten the government's endeavours on the identification, documentation, research, preservation, promotion and transmission of intangible cultural heritage (ICH). The ICHO strengthened collaboration with bearer organisations of ICH items and community organisations in organising educational and promotional activities. Will the Government provide information on the ICHO's collaboration programmes for the coming year as well as the project names, expenditures and names of the co-organisers?

Asked by: Hon Christopher CHUNG Shu-kun (Member Question No. 13)

Reply:

The Intangible Cultural Heritage Office (ICHO) will continue to collaborate with the bearer organisations of intangible cultural heritage (ICH) items and community organisations to promote ICH. Major collaboration programmes to be organised in 2016-17 are:

Programme	Collaborative Organisation
Talk and viewing of Tai O dragon boat water parade	Joint Association of Traditional Dragon-Boats in Tai O, Hong Kong
Talk and demonstration on craftsmanship of Tai Hang fire dragon dance	Tai Hang Residents' Welfare Association
Yu Lan Cultural Festival	Federation of Hong Kong Chiu Chow Community Organizations
Hong Kong Culture Festival	Intangible Cultural Heritage Earthpulse Society

In 2016-17, an annual recurrent expenditure (excluding staff salaries) of \$15 million has been earmarked for the operation of the ICHO in safeguarding and promoting ICH, including the implementation of collaboration programmes with the community.

