

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

HAB448

(Question Serial No. 3876)

Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Subhead (No. & title): (000) Operational Expenses

Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department indicated that it will “organise programmes for special target groups, including elderly people and people with disabilities” in 2016-17. What are the details of the work, expected programme dates, co-organisers/joint organisers (if any) and estimated expenditures involved?

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth Chan Ka-lok (Member Question No. 364)

Reply:

To promote "Sport for All" and to encourage people of different age groups and levels of ability to lead an active and healthy life, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organises a wide range of recreation and sports activities for different target groups including the elderly and people with disabilities (PWDs). The programmes specially organised for the elderly and PWDs include swimming, baduanjin, fitness exercise, fitness (multi-gym), gymnastics for all, tai chi, social dance, table tennis, gateball, camping activities and excursions. Outreach programmes are also organised at elderly centres and rehabilitation centres. The LCSD also works with the organisations concerned to provide programmes for PWDs. They include the Hong Kong Sports Association of the Deaf, the Society for the Welfare of the Autistic Persons, the Hong Kong Physically Handicapped and Able-bodied Association, the Hong Kong Blind Union, the New Life Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association, the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation and other related organisations in the districts.

In 2016-17, the LCSD will organise about 4 800 recreation and sports programmes specially designed for elderly people, catering for some 480 000 participants at an estimated cost of \$10 million. The LCSD will also organise about 1 310 recreation and sports programmes specially designed for PWDs, catering for some 70 000 participants at an estimated cost of \$4.4 million.

