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Question:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department indicated that an exhibition and an international seminar on Maritime Silk Road will be held at the Hong Kong Museum of History in 2016-17 to support the Belt and Road Initiative. What are the details and expenditures?

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Member Question No. 443)

Reply:

The "Maritime Silk Road" exhibition will be held at the Hong Kong Museum of History (HKMH) from October to December 2016. It will showcase the artefacts from 8 coastal cities in the Mainland, including Beihai, Fuzhou, Guangzhou, Ningbo, Penglai, Quanzhou, Yangzhou and Zhangzhou to illustrate the historical development of the "Maritime Silk Road" in China and depict the emergence, development and contribution of the Maritime Silk Road during different periods. It will also portray the history of China's maritime trade and cultural exchange with the world. To complement the exhibition, an international conference will be held in mid-December 2016 at the HKMH. Experts and scholars from the Mainland, Hong Kong, Macao and overseas will be invited to share their latest research findings and views on the "Maritime Silk Road". The total expenditure of the exhibition and conference is estimated at \$3 million.

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