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Question:

- a) What are the details, expenditure and attendance of the Chinese Opera Festival organised by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2015-16?
- b) What are the details and estimated expenditure of the Chinese Opera Festival in 2016-17?

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Member Question No. 445)

Reply:

- a) The 6th Chinese Opera Festival was held from 19 June to 2 August 2015 with a total of 9 programmes including 24 stage performances and 46 extension activities, featuring different Chinese opera genres such as Peking Opera, Cantonese Opera, Kunqu Opera and Su Opera. Furthermore, the Dacheng Opera from Fujian, Qi Opera from Hunan and Qimen Mulian Opera from Anhui were invited to perform classic Mulian episodes, forming the "Mulian Opera" series. The total expenditure was \$10.6 million. About 550 artists were involved in various performances and activities with over 46 000 attendance recorded.
- b) The 7th Chinese Opera Festival (the Festival) will be held from 17 June to 14 August 2016. A total of 7 programmes with 25 stage performances and 43 extension activities are being planned. There will be Kunqu Opera programmes to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the death of Tang Xianzu, a great playwright of the Ming Dynasty, and a "Monkey King Play" series to display both the northern and southern styles of the monkey character in both Peking Opera and Shao Opera from Zhejiang. Apart from these 3 genres, the Festival will also feature Cantonese Opera as well as 5 regional opera genres from Shandong, namely Daxianzi Opera, Zaobang Opera, Liangjiaxian Opera, Dapingdiao Opera and Shandong Bangzi Opera. The total expenditure is estimated at \$10.5 million.

