

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please provide a breakdown, by holiday camp, of the number of Mainland residents who stayed at the holiday camps managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in the past three years. What measures does the Department have to ensure that Hong Kong residents are given priority to use the holiday camps? If there are no such measures, will the Government consider formulating such measures in 2016-17? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN Ka-lok (Member Question No. 463)

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) currently manages four holiday camps, the primary objective of which is to provide leisure services for local residents. For advance booking, applicants should be at least 18 years of age and holders of valid Hong Kong identity cards. The LCSD does not accept travel agents' bookings of our holiday camps. As for non-local residents including those from the Mainland, they can only apply for the unfilled camp places fallen within the immediate ten days of the intended camping date.

In the past three years, the usage of the four holiday camps by Mainland residents was less than 0.8% of the total attendance of 200 000 on average. Details are set out below -

	Number of Mainland residents used the holiday camps		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Lady MacLehose Holiday Village	80	347	428
Lei Yue Mun Park	376	693	911
Sai Kung Outdoor Recreation Centre	13	155	353
Tso Kung Tam Outdoor Recreation Centre	709	338	378

