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Question:

The Department will improve the arrangements for the booking and allocation of sports facilities and enrolment to sports programmes through further enhancement of the computerised booking system and administrative measures. What, in the Department's view, are the major reasons making it difficult to book the venues? What new targeted measures does the Department have?

Asked by: Hon CHENG Chung-tai (Member Question No. 41)

Reply:

The Leisure Link System (LLS) provides a computerised platform for the booking and allocation of sports facilities and enrolment to recreation programmes under the purview of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD). In 2016, the number of booking records made via LLS was about 6.4 million. To cope with the growing demand from users as well as the future service needs, LCSD has completed a feasibility study on the redevelopment of LLS in 2016-17. In his 2017 Policy Address, the Chief Executive announced that LCSD will develop a new intelligent booking system for Hong Kong's public sports and recreation services to allow more efficient, convenient and user-friendly booking of the sports and recreational facilities and enrolment services provided by LCSD, thereby encouraging members of the public to exercise regularly and lead a healthy lifestyle. The new system will also enable a more efficient allocation of sports facilities in great demand, in particular turf football pitches and multi-purpose arena in sports centres in peak hours.

Acknowledging the keen demand for sports facilities in Hong Kong, the Government has announced a five-year plan to implement 26 projects and to conduct technical feasibility study on another 15 projects in the coming 5 years to increase or enhance the provision of sports and recreational facilities including turf football pitches and sports centres across the territory.