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Question:

The Policy Address mentioned the expansion of the Hong Kong Museum of Art (HKMA) and the building of the East Kowloon Cultural Centre (EKCC). In this connection,

- (1) what will the work progress of the renovation and expansion of the HKMA in the coming year and the expenditure involved be? Please compare the estimated attendance of the HKMA after the renovation with the attendance figure before the renovation.
- (2) what will the work progress of the building of the EKCC in the coming year and the expenditure involved be? What is the estimated annual number of performances staged and attendance figure after its commissioning?

Asked by: Hon HO Kai-ming (Member Question No. 44)

Reply:

- (1) The renovation and expansion works of the Hong Kong Museum of Art (HKMA) are in good progress. The expenditure on contract works in 2017-18 is estimated at \$430 million.

Upon the completion of the project, the gallery space of the HKMA will be increased by 42% to accommodate exhibitions of a wider variety. As museum attendance depends on a range of factors such as the mix of exhibition programmes to be held in a particular year, it is difficult to project the attendance figures at this stage.

- (2) Following the completion of piling works in the first quarter of 2017, the main construction works for the superstructure of the East Kowloon Cultural Centre (EKCC) will commence in the second quarter of 2017 at an estimated expenditure of \$240 million in 2017-18.

With its well-equipped facilities and convenient location, it is anticipated that the EKCC will attract about 1 000 performances and around 400 000 audiences annually.

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