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Question:

The work of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in operating museums is to provide a balanced mix of programmes for enhancing public appreciation of arts and culture. Please inform this Committee of the following with a breakdown by fee-charging museums across Hong Kong:

- a. What are the actual and estimated staff establishments of each museum in the 2016-17 and 2017-18 financial years?
- b. What is the total expenditure of each museum in the 2016-17 financial year?
- c. What is the estimated expenditure of each museum in the 2017-18 financial year?
- d. What are the attendance figures for each museum on free admission days, weekdays and holidays in the 2016-17 financial year?

Asked by: Hon MA Fung-kwok (Member Question No. 90)

Reply:

- (a) to (c) The staff establishment and the estimated recurrent expenditure (excluding staff salaries) of the museums under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2016-17 and 2017-18 are set out at **Annex I**.
- (d) Starting from 1 August 2016, the public enjoys free admission to the permanent exhibitions of 5 designated fee-charging museums, namely the Hong Kong Heritage Museum, the Hong Kong Museum of Art, the Hong Kong Museum of History, the Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence and the Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum. In addition, full-time students also enjoy free admission to the permanent exhibitions of the Hong Kong Science Museum and the Hong Kong Space Museum. The attendance figures of these museums in 2016-17 (as at 28 February 2017) are set out at **Annex II**.

**Staff establishment and estimated recurrent expenditure (excluding staff salaries)
of the museums under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2016-17 and 2017-18**

Museums	No. of Staff Establishment		Estimated Expenditure	
	As at 1 April 2016 (Actual)	As at 1 April 2017 (Projected)	2016-17 (\$ million)	2017-18 (\$ million)
Hong Kong Heritage Museum and its branch museums ^{Note 1}	72	75	79.21	86.52
Hong Kong Museum of Art and its branch museum ^{Note 2}	90	92	41.90	50.57
Hong Kong Museum of History and its branch museums ^{Note 3}	102	104	83.75	96.28
Hong Kong Science Museum	92	99	73.09	82.34
Hong Kong Space Museum	69	79	36.95	39.96
Intangible Cultural Heritage Office and its museum ^{Note 4}	16	16	15.00	15.00

Note 1: Including the Hong Kong Heritage Museum, the Hong Kong Railway Museum and the Sheung Yiu Folk Museum.

Note 2: Including the Hong Kong Museum of Art and the Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware.

Note 3: Including the Hong Kong Museum of History, the Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum, the Fireboat Alexander Grantham Exhibition Gallery, the Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence, the Law Uk Folk Museum and the Lei Cheng Uk Han Tomb Museum.

Note 4: Including the Sam Tung Uk Museum.

**Attendance of fee-charging museums under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2016-17
(as at 28 February 2017)**

Museum ^{Note 1}	Period	Attendance in 2016-17 (as at 28 February 2017)			
		Free Admission Days	Weekdays	Weekends and Public Holidays	Total
Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum	1 April to 31 July 2016	5 561 ^{Note 2}	6 856	8 443	20 860
	1 August 2016 to 28 February 2017	65 238 ^{Note 3}	-	-	65 238
	Total:	70 799	6 856	8 443	86 098
Hong Kong Heritage Museum	1 April to 31 July 2016	76 433 ^{Note 2}	123 686	148 748	348 867
	1 August 2016 to 28 February 2017	370 229 ^{Note 3}	-	-	370 229
	Total:	446 662	123 686	148 748	719 096
Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence	1 April to 31 July 2016	11 725 ^{Note 2}	12 777	18 385	42 887
	1 August 2016 to 28 February 2017	114 167 ^{Note 3}	-	-	114 167
	Total:	125 892	12 777	18 385	157 054
Hong Kong Museum of History	1 April to 31 July 2016	93 143 ^{Note 2}	84 725	92 069	269 937
	1 August 2016 to 28 February 2017	522 112 ^{Note 3}	-	-	522 112
	Total:	615 255	84 725	92 069	792 049
Hong Kong Science Museum	1 April 2016 to 28 February 2017	229 155 ^{Note 2}	382 943	515 917	1 128 015
Hong Kong Space Museum ^{Note 4}	1 April 2016 to 28 February 2017	N.A.	121 616	141 023	262 639

Note 1: The Hong Kong Museum of Art was closed from 3 August 2015 for renovation.

Note 2: Including all Wednesdays and an annual International Museum Day.

Note 3: The permanent exhibitions of Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum, the Hong Kong Heritage Museum, the Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence and the Hong Kong Museum of History were opened to the public free of charge starting from 1 August 2016.

Note 4: The exhibition halls of the Hong Kong Space Museum (HKSpM) were closed from 1 November 2015 for renovation. During the period from 1 April 2016 to 28 February 2017, the only facility opened in the HKSpM which is fee-charging on all days was the Stanley Ho Space Theatre.

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