

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

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Question:

According to Programme (4), the Government will implement a Five-year Plan to provide additional sports and recreational facilities to meet the needs of the general public and support development of sports in Hong Kong.

1. However, among the 26 projects of sports and recreation facilities to be launched by the Government, Hong Kong Island only has 1 project while Kowloon and the New Territories have the other 25. What are the reasons for Hong Kong Island to have only 1 sports facility improvement project? Will the Five-year Plan be revised to provide more sports and recreation facilities in different districts, in particular those districts on Hong Kong Island? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?
2. The Government will commence a technical feasibility study for 15 sports and recreation facility projects. How long is it expected to be completed? What criteria will be adopted to decide the implementation of the projects upon completion of the feasibility study;
3. What will be the manpower and expenditures involved in implementing the Five-year Plan next year?

Asked by: Hon NG Wing-ka, Jimmy (Member Question No. 40)

Reply:

- 1 & 2. In considering the sports and recreation facilities for inclusion in the Five-year Plan, the Government has taken into account various factors such as the current provision, the standard recommended in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines, the views of the sports sectors, District Councils and the local community as well as the readiness of individual projects. On top of the 26 projects to be implemented, the Government will also conduct technical feasibility study for another 15 sports

and recreation facility projects, of which 4 projects are on Hong Kong Island. The Government aims to complete the technical feasibility studies within 5 years.

3. The Government has earmarked a total of \$20 billion to launch 26 projects in the coming 5 years. Among the 26 projects, we are planning to consult the relevant LegCo Panels and seek the funding approval of the Finance Committee for the following 5 projects in 2017-18 –

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Major Facilities</b>	<b>Tentative Start Date</b>	<b>Tentative Completion Date</b>
1. Waterfront Promenade adjacent to the Hong Kong Children's Hospital	Open space	2017	2019
2. Improvement of Hoi Bun Road Park and Adjacent Area, Kwun Tong	Including 1 football pitch and open space	2017	2020
3. Sports Ground and Open Space in Area 16, Tuen Mun – Pre-construction works	Including 1 sports ground, 1 football pitch and open space	2017	2020
4. Avenue Park at Kai Tak	Including 1 outdoor basketball court and open space	2018	2020
5. Open space at Sze Mei Street, San Po Kong	Including 1 football pitch, 4 outdoor basketball courts and open space	2018	2021

The manpower requirements, the estimated cost and the cashflow expenditure of the projects in 2017-18 are being worked out.

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