

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Ms Michelle LI)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

Please provide information on:

- (a) the attendance figures of and staffing provision for all public museums in the past 5 years;
- (b) the numbers of school visit groups and attendance figures of these museums in the past 5 years;
- (c) the attendance figures of in-house education and extension programmes (lectures/demonstrations/seminars/workshops/film and audio-visual shows/performances/guided tours) in all public museums in the past 5 years; and
- (d) the facilities reserved for the exclusive use of children in all public museums (e.g. Hong Kong Heritage Museum: Children's Discovery Gallery). Are there plans to expand the number or area of these children's facilities or upgrade the software and hardware therein? If so, what are the details and expenditure involved? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon IP Kin-yuen (Member Question No. 70)

Reply:

- (a)-(c) The attendance, staff establishment, number of school groups and participants involved, and attendance of in-house education and extension programmes of the museums under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in the past 5 years are set out at **Annexes I to IV**.
- (d) There are facilities specifically designed for children at the Hong Kong Science Museum (HKScM), the Hong Kong Heritage Museum (HKHM) and Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence (HKMCD). Renovation works is currently underway to revamp the exhibits at the Children Gallery of HKScM so as to enable children to

learn science and discover the surroundings in a fun and entertaining way. The expenditure of the revamping work is estimated at \$8.25 million and the new gallery will be re-opened in April 2017. The HKHM has scheduled to enhance the contents of the exhibition at the Children's Discovery Gallery in late 2017 at an estimated cost of \$500,000. The HKMCD will also explore the feasibility of upgrading the Children's Corner when the museum undergoes major exhibition revamping in 2018-19.

## Attendance of the Museums of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Venue		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
1.	Hong Kong Museum of Art	615 926	535 326	438 047	185 420 <sup>(1)</sup>	- <sup>(1)</sup>
2.	Hong Kong Museum of History	1 024 231	864 322	769 510	749 714	855 810
3.	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	693 299	624 310	866 258	484 226	723 437
4.	Hong Kong Science Museum	1 287 829	1 718 918	2 014 945	1 169 368	1 153 669
5.	Hong Kong Space Museum	790 509	877 206	851 447	691 067 <sup>(1)</sup>	225 588 <sup>(1)</sup>
6.	Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence	119 841	117 444	123 291	119 796	164 513
7.	Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum	68 932	59 127	60 945	59 715	86 659
8.	Fireboat Alexander Grantham Exhibition Gallery	63 777	65 594	89 483	92 785	77 711
9.	Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware	197 743	200 995	215 108	228 463	188 744
10.	Hong Kong Railway Museum	196 740	206 585	220 708	220 732	251 538
11.	Law Uk Folk Museum	12 128	13 021	13 240	13 769	16 403
12.	Lei Cheng Uk Han Tomb Museum	39 147	35 660	38 514	37 010	39 191
13.	Sam Tung Uk Museum	98 896	91 268	91 410	92 059	102 770
14.	Sheung Yiu Folk Museum	35 335	42 382	40 051	39 419	41 879
15.	Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre	222 832	193 661	191 255	187 654	200 251
16.	Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery cum Heritage Trail Visitors Centre	79 336	74 557	72 269	70 330	71 240
17.	Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre	53 319	59 065	36 063	40 428	68 058
18.	Oil Street Art Space (Oi!)	- <sup>(2)</sup>	180 311	221 047	199 150	214 987
19.	Hong Kong Film Archive	195 606	179 696	174 309	177 024	169 329
<b>Total:</b>		<b>5 795 426</b>	<b>6 139 448</b>	<b>6 527 900</b>	<b>4 858 129 <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>4 651 777 <sup>(1)</sup></b>

## Notes

(1) The Hong Kong Museum of Art and the Hong Kong Space Museum (HKSpM) have been temporarily closed since August 2015 and November 2015 respectively for renovation. As regards the latter, the Stanley Ho Space Theatre of HKSpM was re-opened on 2 March 2016, while the Exhibition Halls are still under renovation.

(2) Oil Street Art Space (Oi!) was opened on 22 May 2013.

## Staff Establishment of the Museums under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Museums		Actual as at 1 April 2012	Actual as at 1 April 2013	Actual as at 1 April 2014	Actual as at 1 April 2015	Actual as at 1 April 2016
1.	Antiquities and Monuments Office	70	70	70	71	72
2.	Art Promotion Office	28	29	32	31	31
3.	Conservation Office	31	32	33	33	36
4.	Hong Kong Film Archive	31	32	32	32	34
5.	Hong Kong Heritage Museum and its branch museums <sup>(1)</sup>	81	81	81	81	72 <sup>(2)</sup>
6.	Hong Kong Museum of Art and its branch museum <sup>(3)</sup>	91	92	91	90	90
7.	Hong Kong Museum of History and its branch museums <sup>(4)</sup>	90	90	91	91	102 <sup>(7)</sup>
8.	Hong Kong Science Museum	77	75	77	77	92 <sup>(7)</sup>
9.	Hong Kong Space Museum	66	68	68	68	69
10.	Intangible Cultural Heritage Office and its museum <sup>(2)</sup> and <sup>(5)</sup>	-	-	-	-	16
11.	Other sections <sup>(6)</sup>	23	22	24	25	25
<b>Total:</b>		<b>588</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>639</b>

Notes

- (1) Including the Hong Kong Heritage Museum, the Hong Kong Railway Museum and the Sheung Yiu Folk Museum, as well as the Sam Tung Uk Museum (STUM) up till November 2015.
- (2) STUM has been transferred out of the Hong Kong Heritage Museum and put under the management of the Intangible Cultural Heritage Office (ICHO) with effect from November 2015.
- (3) Including the Hong Kong Museum of Art and the Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware.
- (4) 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.
- (5) An ICHO was established in May 2015 to take over the Intangible Cultural Heritage Unit from the Hong Kong Heritage Museum.
- (6) Including the Cultural Exchange and Liaison Office, the Film Programmes Office, the Marketing and Business Development Section, etc.
- (7) The new posts were created to plan the renewal of permanent exhibitions and to replace non-civil service contract positions with long-term service needs in order to meet operational needs in the long run.

## School Groups Received by the Museums of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Venue <sup>(1)</sup>		2012		2013		2014		2015		2016	
		No. of school groups	No. of participants	No. of school groups	No. of participants	No. of school groups	No. of participants	No. of school groups	No. of participants	No. of school groups	No. of participants
1.	Hong Kong Museum of Art	1 511	56 802	1 413	43 779	1 005	29 667	425 (2)	13 655 (2)	14 (2)	393 (2)
2.	Hong Kong Museum of History	2 278	145 755	1 733	112 454	1 534	92 326	1 824	96 614	998	55 207
3.	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	1 268	77 401	1 051	67 345	968	61 202	1 101	68 453	1 339	56 510
4.	Hong Kong Science Museum	1 168	97 057	1 080	102 308	1 083	143 841	1 128	130 568	1 052	83 561
5.	Hong Kong Space Museum	388	34 965	352	31 098	294	27 591	246 (2)	20 883 (2)	- (2)	- (2)
6.	Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence	359	24 978	371	25 276	364	23 580	321	22 919	336	22 673
7.	Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum	239	10 123	186	8 543	154	6 511	142	6 161	195	6 891
8.	Fireboat Alexander Grantham Exhibition Gallery	80	2 599	65	1 982	67	2 152	56	2 125	43	1 203
9.	Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware	267	6 640	246	6 824	257	6 690	287	9 158	163	4 928
10.	Hong Kong Railway Museum	365	18 757	404	22 346	300	19 545	325	18 284	308	15 846
11.	Sam Tung Uk Museum	275	19 506	196	10 710	147	8 526	153	7 285	160	6 845
12.	Sheung Yiu Folk Museum	155	4 754	241	6 540	131	3 342	81	7 406	67	5 422
13.	Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre	97	5 135	65	3 322	68	5 177	38	2 087	87	6 805
14.	Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery cum Heritage Trail Visitors Centre	146	4 913	102	3 965	181	5 861	140	4 244	125	4 012
15.	Art Promotion Office										
	(a) Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre	39	1 418	15	716	11	641	12	342	25	935
	(b) Oil Street Art Space (Oi!)	- (3)	- (3)	10	490	47	1 253	51	1 294	46	1 336
	(c) Public art programmes at other venues	133	1 366	135	1 663	122	1 416	26	521	33	697

Venue <sup>(1)</sup>		2012		2013		2014		2015		2016	
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16.	Hong Kong Film Archive	138	7 030	115	5 975	109	5 323	90	5 816	84	3 707
17.	Conservation Office	18	435	18	537	13	324	20	455	26	1 028
<b>Total</b>		<b>8 924</b>	<b>519 634</b>	<b>7 798</b>	<b>455 873</b>	<b>6 855</b>	<b>444 968</b>	<b>6 466</b> (2)	<b>418 270</b> (2)	<b>5 101</b> (2)	<b>277 999</b> (2)

Notes

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**Attendance of In-house Education and Extension Programmes at the Museums  
of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department**

	<b>Venue <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
1.	Hong Kong Museum of Art	112 773	57 919	45 571	20 230 <sup>(2)</sup>	- <sup>(2)</sup>
2.	Hong Kong Museum of History	192 402	135 738	91 497	101 911	73 061
3.	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	113 589	145 162	226 548	130 897	151 978
4.	Hong Kong Science Museum	222 424	205 561	209 594	197 246	234 757
5.	Hong Kong Space Museum	363 832	416 098	378 044	322 542 <sup>(2)</sup>	246 037 <sup>(2)</sup>
6.	Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence	38 845	45 965	39 762	39 115	41 787
7.	Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum	14 750	12 241	11 354	12 328	15 867
8.	Fireboat Alexander Grantham Exhibition Gallery	6 783	4 860	22 336	17 166	13 035
9.	Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware	30 363	28 782	33 684	37 025	33 168
10.	Hong Kong Railway Museum	14 294	12 949	14 446	12 849	15 140
11.	Law Uk Folk Museum	-	-	-	140	-
12.	Sam Tung Uk Museum	29 178	26 723	25 870	11 314	6 343
13.	Sheung Yiu Folk Museum	116	903	270	487	865
14.	Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre	18 777	14 654	15 014	9 634	12 505
15.	Art Promotion Office					
	(a) Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre	7 075	7 123	5 453	4 477	5 416
	(b) Oil Street Art Space (Oi!)	- <sup>(3)</sup>	13 855	32 711	29 923	31 046
16.	Hong Kong Film Archive	7 425	5 792	6 226	5 027	5 946
17.	Conservation Office	654	926	681	999	2 201
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>1 173 280</b>	<b>1 135 251</b>	<b>1 159 061</b>	<b>953 310 <sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>889 152 <sup>(2)</sup></b>

**Notes**

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