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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:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department will enhance the Community Garden Programme in the coming year. In this connection, please inform this Committee of:

1. the locations and areas of the additional community gardens planned to be provided in the coming year and the estimated expenditure involved;
2. whether efforts will be made in collaboration with the Housing Authority to provide community gardens in public housing estates to foster neighbourhood relationship. If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 259)

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) currently operates 23 community gardens in 18 Districts. In 2017-18, a new community garden in Tuen Mun District with an area of about 2 595 m² is expected to open in mid-2017. The project expenditure is estimated at about \$12 million.

The Housing Authority has also set up community gardens at the public housing estates for their residents to promote community participation in greening activities. LCSD will continue to collaborate with the Housing Authority in organising greening activities.

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