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Question:

- (1) Please provide the numbers of international football matches held at local football pitches in the past 3 years broken down by natural and artificial turf pitches;
- (2) Please provide the numbers of major local football matches held at local football pitches in the past 3 years broken down by natural and artificial turf pitches;
- (3) Please provide the attendance rates at international football matches and major local football matches held at local football pitches in the past 3 years.

Asked by: Hon LEUNG Che-cheung (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 50)

Reply:

- (1) & (2) The numbers of international and major local football matches held at natural and artificial turf pitches in the past 3 years are set out below –

Year	2015		2016		2017	
	International Matches	Major Local Matches	International Matches	Major Local Matches	International Matches	Major Local Matches
Natural turf pitch	19	112	18	135	21	125
Artificial turf pitch	0	92	18	41	7	58
Total	19	204	36	176	28	183

Major local matches refer to matches of the Hong Kong Premier League, Sapling Cup, FA Cup, Senior Shield and First Division.

- (3) The attendance of international football matches and major local football matches held at local football pitches in the past 3 years is set out below –

Year	2015		2016		2017	
	International Matches	Major Local Matches	International Matches	Major Local Matches	International Matches	Major Local Matches
Matches with attendance record	19	138	17	147	23	134
Matches without attendance record*	0	66	19	29	5	49
Total number of matches	19	204	36	176	28	183
Total attendance*	86 015	136 196	63 344	145 814	183 804	133 166

* In 2015 - 2017, a total of 168 international football matches and major local football matches were admitted free of charge and had no record of attendance. These matches are excluded from the calculation of total attendance.

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