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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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Programme: (3) Heritage and Museums

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

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

The Budget proposed the development of the New Territories East Cultural Centre and the Heritage Conservation and Resource Centre within the coming 10 years.

- (1) What will be their locations?
- (2) What are their target opening dates and estimated total construction costs?
- (3) What will be the staffing deployment involved and estimated annual operating expenses incurred?

Asked by: Hon YEUNG Alvin (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 66)

Reply:

The New Territories East Cultural Centre will be constructed at Area 11, Fanling as a cross-district cultural centre with multi-purpose facilities for performances and rehearsals in the New Territories East region. Subject to the Finance Committee's (FC's) funding approval, the pre-construction activities are scheduled to commence in the fourth quarter of 2018 for completion in 2022. After completion of the pre-construction activities which cover site investigation works, feasibility studies, design for the project, etc., we will work out the estimated construction and recurrent costs, manpower requirements and the schedule of the main construction works for seeking the necessary funding approval for the project.

The Heritage Conservation and Resource Centre will be constructed at Area 109, Tin Shui Wai as a dedicated storage and conservation facility to meet the long-term preservation need of the growing collections of the museums and heritage centres under the management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. Subject to the FC's funding approval, the pre-construction activities are scheduled to commence in the fourth quarter of 2018 for completion in 2021. After completion of the pre-construction activities which cover site investigation works, feasibility studies, design for the project, etc., we will work out the

estimated construction and recurrent costs, manpower requirements and the schedule of the main construction works for seeking the necessary funding approval for the project.

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