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Question:

What are the existing policies of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department on staff training, staff and resource considerations, and provision of barrier-free facilities and ancillary equipment for facilitating participation of people with disabilities in recreation and sports activities?

Asked by: Hon CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 4068)

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provides on-the-job training for its staff to enhance their understanding of people with disabilities (PWDs) in organising related sports activities. LCSD also employs qualified instructors for training courses designed for PWDs. To ensure that consistent services are provided, LCSD has issued guidelines on the organisation of recreation and sports activities for PWDs. The guidelines set out in detail the planning, implementation and arrangement of the activities jointly organised with disabled organisations, and serve as a reference for staff involved in the activities. Barrier-free access and suitable ancillary facilities for PWDs are provided at LCSD leisure venues. All LCSD leisure venues built after 2008 are in compliance with the requirements of the prevailing design manual. As for leisure venues built before 2008, LCSD has arranged improvement works through renovation or alterations insofar as the geographical environment, architectural conditions and technologies permit.

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