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Question:

It is indicated in Programme (3) that "the renewal of other permanent exhibitions of the Hong Kong Science Museum, Hong Kong Heritage Museum, Hong Kong Museum of History and Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence is in good progress".   Please inform this Committee of the progress in detail.

Asked by: Hon TAM Man-ho, Jeremy (Member Question No. (LegCo use): 122)

Reply:

The updated progress of the renewal of permanent exhibitions in the Hong Kong Science Museum, Hong Kong Heritage Museum, Hong Kong Museum of History, and Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence is set out below –

Museum	Progress of the renewal of permanent exhibitions
Hong Kong Science Museum	The new Biodiversity Gallery and Children's Gallery were opened in September 2016 and April 2017 respectively. The preparatory work for the Earth Science Gallery and Paleontology Gallery is in progress and they will be opened in mid-2019 and mid-2020 respectively. The Museum is also planning to renew the Transportation Hall, Home Technology Hall and Food Science Hall, and set up an InnoTech Gallery which will be opened by phases between 2021 and 2023.
Hong Kong Heritage Museum	The Jin Yong Gallery was opened in March 2017. The preparatory work for the Hong Kong Culture Gallery is in progress and it will be opened in late 2019.
Hong Kong Museum of History	A series of consultation sessions have been conducted with stakeholders to garner their views on the new permanent exhibition to be opened in 2022.

Museum	Progress of the renewal of permanent exhibitions
Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence	The contract of exhibition design services was awarded in March 2018. The new exhibition is expected to be opened in 2020.

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