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Question:

According to Programme (3), the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will set up a Science Promotion Unit in the next financial year to promote popular science culture and exchanges of scientific inventions. What are the details of the promotion initiative? How many people are expected to benefit from this initiative each year? What are the manpower and expenditures involved?

Asked by: Hon NG Wing-ka, Jimmy (LegCo internal reference no.: 29)

Reply:

The Science Promotion Unit to be set up under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will promote popular science culture and exchanges of scientific inventions through the use of the LCSD network and facilities such as the Hong Kong Science Museum, so as to popularise the knowledge of science and technology and raise the scientific literacy level of the general public, integrate the concept of popular science into everyday life, and provide the milieu for creativity and scientific innovation. The Unit will comprise 7 civil service posts. With \$15 million to be allocated annually as its operating expenses, the Unit will target its work at the general public and young people. Details of specific projects and their implementation are under planning and will be announced in due course.

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