

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Question:

1. Please tabulate the attendance figures of permanent exhibitions at museums under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in the past 3 years.
2. Please tabulate the expenditure and details of the renewal or modification of permanent exhibitions at LCSD museums in the past 3 years.
3. Further to the above, what are the estimated expenditure and details of the renewal or modification of permanent exhibitions in 2020-21?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (LegCo internal reference no.: 295)

Reply:

1. The attendance of permanent exhibitions at museums under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in the past 3 years is set out at Annex I.
2. and 3. The expenditures and details of the renewal of permanent exhibitions at museums under the LCSD in the past 3 years and 2020-21 are set out at Annexes II and III.

**Attendance of Permanent Exhibitions at Museums
of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department**

Venues	2017-18⁽¹⁾	2018-19	2019-20⁽²⁾
1. Hong Kong Museum of Art ⁽³⁾			
(a) Ordinary to Extraordinary – Stories of the Museum	–	–	132 006
(b) The Wisdom of Emptiness – Selected Works from the Xubaizhai Collection	–	–	80 207
(c) Hong Kong Experience • Hong Kong Experiment	–	–	96 985
(d) The Best of Both Worlds – Acquisition and Donation of Chinese Antiquities	–	–	81 530
(e) Lost and Found – Guardians of the Chater Collection	–	–	74 590
(f) From Dung Basket to Dining Cart – 100th Anniversary of the Birth of Wu Guanzhong	–	–	86 812
(g) A Pleasure Shared – Selected Works from the Chih Lo Lou Collection	–	–	86 812
2. Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware			
(a) Let's Talk about Tea through the Ages	88 050	114 241	61 552
(b) Chinese Ceramics and Seals Donated by the K.S. Lo Foundation	91 443	83 962	46 613
(c) Calligraphy on Stone – Seal Carving in Hong Kong	91 443	83 962	46 613
3. Hong Kong Museum of History	1 025 095	957 829	515 118
4. Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence ⁽⁴⁾	153 816	64 507	–
5. Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum	92 067	90 558	56 184
6. Fireboat Alexander Grantham Exhibition Gallery ⁽⁵⁾	74 429	64 146	40 021
7. Law Uk Folk Museum ⁽⁶⁾	17 355	16 164	7 396
8. Lei Cheng Uk Han Tomb Museum	39 619	41 173	35 033
9. Hong Kong Heritage Museum			
(a) T. T. Tsui Gallery of Chinese Art	643 380	391 142	322 187
(b) Chao Shao-an Gallery	385 017	432 256	317 199
(c) Cantonese Opera Heritage Hall	638 346	401 555	308 816
(d) Children's Discovery Gallery	740 238	510 974	398 519
(e) Jin Yong Gallery ⁽⁷⁾	812 409	481 458	377 421
10. Hong Kong Railway Museum	295 479	277 775	200 702
11. Sheung Yiu Folk Museum	39 043	42 590	30 015

Venues	2017-18 ⁽¹⁾	2018-19	2019-20 ⁽²⁾
12. Hong Kong Science Museum	992 555	780 370	584 413
13. Hong Kong Space Museum ⁽⁸⁾	—	576 768	385 750
14. Hong Kong Film Archive	35 382	22 155	10 362
15. Sam Tung Uk Museum	101 227	116 451	68 339
16. Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre ⁽⁹⁾	93 475	106 148	—
17. Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery cum Heritage Trail Visitors Centre ⁽⁹⁾	70 183	69 735	—

Notes

- (1) An increase in museum attendance figures of the Hong Kong Museum of History, the Hong Kong Heritage Museum and the Hong Kong Science Museum in 2017 is attributed to the public's overwhelming responses to the blockbuster exhibitions organised to mark the 20th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.
- (2) Attendance as at 28 January 2020. All museums under the management of the LCSD have been temporarily closed since 29 January 2020 due to the epidemic.
- (3) The Hong Kong Museum of Art was temporarily closed in August 2015 for renovation and re-opened on 30 November 2019.
- (4) The Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence has been temporarily closed since September 2018 for renovation.
- (5) The Fireboat Alexander Grantham Exhibition Gallery was temporarily closed from 2 July to 1 September 2019 for maintenance.
- (6) The permanent exhibition at the Law Uk Folk Museum was temporarily closed from 1 November 2019 to 5 February 2020 for maintenance. The maintenance work has already been completed, but all LCSD museums (including Law Uk Folk Museum) have been temporarily closed since 29 January 2020 due to the epidemic.
- (7) Jin Yong Gallery has been opened to the public since 1 March 2017.
- (8) The exhibition halls of the Hong Kong Space Museum were closed in November 2015 for renovation and re-opened on 25 April 2018.
- (9) The Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO), together with the Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre and the Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery cum Heritage Trail Visitors Centre under its management, was amalgamated with the Commissioner for Heritage's Office under Head 159 - Government Secretariat: Development Bureau (Works Branch) with effect from 1 April 2019.

Annex II to Reply Serial No. HAB288

**Renewal of Permanent Exhibitions
at Museums of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department for the Past 3 Years**

Museums	2017-18 (\$'000)	2018-19 (\$'000)	2019-20 (Estimated) (\$'000)	Details
1. Hong Kong Museum of History	2,061	4,518	11,583	Academic research and data collection for exhibitions, application for usage rights for photos and images, recording and shooting of photos and videos, and commissioning of exhibition design firm for gallery space planning and development of exhibition contents.
2. Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence	616	1,663	1,306	Academic research and data collection for the new permanent exhibition and the Historical Trail, acquisition of exhibits, application for usage rights for photos and images, production of multimedia programmes and commissioning of exhibition design firm for gallery space planning and development of exhibition contents.
3. Hong Kong Heritage Museum	2,156	3,317	2,971	Research on Hong Kong popular culture, video shooting for exhibitions and acquisition and loaning of exhibits. Improvement to essential facilities in the galleries and design of the main area completed.
4. Hong Kong Railway Museum	3,021	5,210	4,000	Content updating of permanent exhibition and addition of interactive installations completed. Exhibition re-opened in September 2019.
5. Hong Kong Science Museum				
(a) 5 permanent exhibition halls	2,077	1,953	13,125	Overall design of the Earth Science Gallery completed. Fabrication of exhibits and fitting-out of the gallery in progress. Overall design of Palaeontology Gallery completed.
(b) Telecommunications Gallery	—	500	500	Acquisition and testing of multimedia servers and control systems of the Innotech Gallery.
(c) Replacement of exhibits	—	—	1,500	Replacement of exhibits of Electricity and Magnetism Gallery.

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**Renewal of Permanent Exhibitions
at Museums of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2020-21**

Museums	Estimated Expenditure (\$'000)	Details
1. Hong Kong Museum of History	31,830	Detailed design of the new permanent exhibition to be completed. Work on loan arrangements and conservation of exhibits will be launched. Tendering exercise for the exhibition and multimedia production will be conducted. The current permanent exhibition is expected to close in the second half of this year to facilitate relocation of exhibits and dismantling of galleries.
2. Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence	22,148	Detailed design of the new permanent exhibition and the Historical Trail to be completed. Tendering exercise for the production of the exhibition and multimedia programmes will be conducted and followed by respective production work.
3. Hong Kong Heritage Museum	23,500	Tendering exercise for the fabrication and installation of the exhibition on Hong Kong popular culture will be conducted. Production work for the exhibition is expected to complete within this year.
4. Hong Kong Railway Museum	2,719	Installation of historic train coach "No. 313" in the museum and upgrading of museum facilities.
5. Hong Kong Science Museum		
(a) 5 permanent exhibition halls	11,260	Fabrication of exhibits and fitting-out of the Earth Science Gallery completed. Fabrication of exhibits and fitting-out of the Palaeontology Gallery to be completed. Tendering exercise for design of exhibitions in the Transportation Hall, Home Technology Hall and Food Science Hall will be conducted.
(b) Telecommunications Gallery	500	Preparatory work carried out for exhibition design, prototyping of exhibits and assessment on the operation mode of interactive exhibits.
(c) Replacement of exhibits	4,500	Replacement of exhibits for the Electricity and Magnetism Gallery and Light Gallery.