

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY****HAB289****(Question Serial No. 4330)**Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services DepartmentSubhead (No. & title): (-) Not SpecifiedProgramme: (3) Heritage and MuseumsControlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home AffairsQuestion:

1. What are the numbers of Museum Passes issued in the past 3 years?
2. The Department stated that the anticipated decrease of number in outreach education and public programmes in 2020 is due to the need to carry out renovation works of museums. In what ways will the outreach education and public programmes be affected by museum renovations? Will additional outreach education and other programmes be conducted during renovations and closures of museums?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (LegCo internal reference no.: 296)Reply:

1. The number of Museum Passes issued by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in the past 3 years is as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of Museum Passes Issued</b>
2017-18 <sup>(1)</sup>	307 098
2018-19	158 333
2019-20 (as at 28 January 2020 <sup>(2)</sup> )	108 944

Notes

- (1) An increase in museum attendance figures 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) All LCSD museums have been temporarily closed since 29 January 2020 due to the epidemic.

2. During renovation works of museums, in addition to the planning of new exhibitions and activities and production of new exhibits and supporting facilities for the re-opening, project supervision and follow-up work will also be required. Due to the relatively large number of parties involved, deployment of existing manpower and resources is required to absorb the co-ordination work. Nevertheless, LCSD museums will continue to provide outreach programmes to the public during closures.

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