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CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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<u>Head</u>: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

<u>Controlling Officer</u>: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

<u>Director of Bureau</u>: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

1. In 2020-21, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue to promote its facilities such as stadia, sports centres, heated swimming pools and jogging tracks in various districts. What are the details and the estimated manpower involved?

2. Will the LCSD continue to convert existing swimming pools into heated pools or expedite the planned conversion projects? What are the details and the estimated manpower involved?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Tanya (LegCo internal reference no.: 316)

Reply:

- 1. In 2020-21, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue to promote the use of all facilities including the stadia, sports centres, heated swimming pools and jogging tracks in various districts as part of its ongoing work through deployment of existing manpower. The Department does not have separate breakdown figures on the manpower involved for promoting the use of the facilities. Details of the facilities are provided in the LCSD's website.
- 2. In 2018, the LCSD obtained the funding approval of the Finance Committee (FC) of the Legislative Council (LegCo) for provision of a heated pool in the Morse Park Swimming Pool Complex. The works are anticipated to be completed in 2022. Moreover, in the 2019-20 legislative year, the LCSD consulted the LegCo Panel on Home Affairs on the two projects of provision of heated pool, i.e. the conversion at the Pao Yue Kong Swimming Pool and the redevelopment of the Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool. The LCSD will provide details when seeking FC's funding approval for these projects.