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Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2020-21 that the Department will continue to enrich library e-resources. Please provide the number and types of e-books expected to be acquired this year.

Asked by: Hon QUAT Elizabeth (LegCo internal reference no.: 111)

Reply:

As at the end of December 2019, the e-resources acquired or subscribed by the Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) included 11 e-book collections covering a total of about 338 000 titles. To meet public demand for e-books, the HKPL plans to continue acquiring or subscribing to 11 e-book collections, replenishing about 30 000 titles of Chinese and English e-books of various categories in 2020-21, which include more e-books published in Hong Kong and audio e-books published in the United Kingdom and the United States, covering different leisure reading materials and various disciplines such as fiction, investment and financial management, children books for paired reading, psychology and language learning.

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