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Question:

It is stated in paragraph 66 of the Budget Speech that the Government proposes “additional funding of \$50 million for the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to acquire local visual artists’ outstanding artworks”. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of the details?

Asked by: Hon. CHUNG Shu-kun, Christopher

Reply:

The additional funding of \$50 million will be used by the museums of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to acquire artworks by local artists with a view to building up a comprehensive collection on Hong Kong art for research, exhibition and educational programmes. The artworks acquired will become museum collections which will be selected and displayed on a rotation basis in the permanent and thematic exhibitions in the Hong Kong Museum of Art, Hong Kong Heritage Museum and other venues including the visual arts exhibition and activity centre at Oil Street to be opened in mid-2013.

In addition to acquiring artworks, LCSD will also use part of the funding to commission local artists to create new artworks for display at public open spaces such as parks and government buildings to promote public’s appreciation of the works of Hong Kong artists.

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