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Question (Member Question No. 6):

It is mentioned under Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2014-15 that the Department will “publish the first inventory list of Hong Kong’s intangible cultural heritage items”. In this connection, please provide:

- 1) the schedule for publishing the list;
- 2) the details of the follow-up plan after publishing the list;
- 3) the specific expenditure involved in the implementation of the plan; and
- 4) the detailed breakdown of the expenditure involved.

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Reply:

1. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) commissioned the South China Research Center of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology in 2009 to conduct a territory-wide survey of intangible cultural heritage (ICH) items in Hong Kong at a cost of \$6.25 million. The survey was completed last year and a draft inventory list comprising 477 ICH items has been drawn up. Taking into account the public views received during the four-month public consultation (from July to November 2013) on the draft inventory list, the LCSD plans to publish the first inventory list of Hong Kong’s ICH items in mid-2014 after seeking the endorsement of ICH Advisory Committee.
2. On the basis of the first inventory of ICH in Hong Kong and the advice given by the ICH Advisory Committee, the Government will devise and implement a host of safeguarding measures covering the identification, documentation, in-depth research, preservation, promotion and transmission of ICH items. Moreover, consideration will be given to selecting items of high cultural heritage value from the inventory list for drawing up a representative list of ICH for Hong Kong. The representative list will provide a basis for considering safeguarding measures, particularly for highly important and endangered ICH items. The LCSD will continue to engage the stakeholders and community groups in the safeguarding work of ICH.
- 3&4. The LCSD has set aside \$6 million per annum to implement the safeguarding measures, including setting up an ICH database and conducting in-depth research (\$3 million), organising preservation, promotion and education programmes (\$2 million), and providing additional manpower to implement the measures (\$1 million).