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Question:

Regarding the setting up of Cultural and Historical Resources Corners at selected libraries to enhance the preservation and promotion of local documentary heritage, please inform this Committee of the following:

1) What are the details of the project?

2) What is the breakdown of the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon IP Kwok-him (Member Question No. 28)

Reply:

- 1) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department has set up a Cultural and Historical Resources Corner (CHRC) at a selected public library in each of the 18 districts since 30 June 2014. The resources corner provides the public with a one-stop reference repository of individual districts on areas such as culture, history and community development. In addition to the collection of reference materials such as books, maps and leaflets, computer workstations are also available at the resources corners for readers to search and access the digitised materials on the 18 districts through the Multimedia Information System. Besides, relevant extension activities will be organised to deepen public understanding of various collections and the local history and culture. The list of libraries where the CHRC are located is at Annex.
- 2) The establishment of the CHRCs involved a one-off cost of around \$0.91 million, covering the procurement of equipment, furniture and furnishings, as well as the hiring of decoration and cabling services. The recurrent expenditure on the acquisition of new library materials for the CHRCs is absorbed from within the overall provision for library materials.

Selected Libraries in 18 Districts with Cultural and Historical Resources Corners

District	Library
Hong Kong Island	
Central and Western	City Hall Public Library
Eastern	Chai Wan Public Library
Southern	Aberdeen Public Library
Wan Chai	Lockhart Road Public Library
Kowloon	
Kowloon City	Kowloon Public Library
Kwun Tong	Lam Tin Public Library
Sham Shui Po	Lai Chi Kok Public Library
Wong Tai Sin	San Po Kong Public Library
Yau Tsim Mong	Yau Ma Tei Public Library
New Territories	
Islands	Tung Chung Public Library
Kwai Tsing	South Kwai Chung Public Library
North	Fanling Public Library
Sai Kung	Tseung Kwan O Public Library
Sha Tin	Sha Tin Public Library
Tai Po	Tai Po Public Library
Tsuen Wan	Tsuen Wan Public Library
Tuen Mun	Tuen Mun Public Library
Yuen Long	Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai Public Library