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Question:

The Government has indicated that it would convert the club house of the former Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club in Oil Street, North Point into a visual arts exhibition and activity centre to foster the development of visual arts and nurture local talent in the field. In this connection, what are the details of the work plan and the estimated expenditure?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

The visual arts exhibition and activity centre at Oil Street is an art space with a special focus on nurturing local young artists and promoting community engagement. It will serve as an incubator for young artistic talents, a facilitator to art creations and an art project space to engage the community. Different art projects will be organised at the art space to provide a platform and opportunities for budding and practicing artists to collaborate and share. Crossover disciplinary projects and experimental projects will also be organised to help the young artists build up their career and personal profiles in the field.

The renovation cost of the new art space which is converted from the former Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, a historic building, is \$18.9 million. The estimated annual recurrent expenditure is \$16.623 million.

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