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Question:

- (a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department has stated that it would reprovision the Pak Tin Public Library during 2013-14. What are the details and the estimated expenditure involved?
- (b) The Department has stated that it would organise the “12th Hong Kong Biennial Awards for Chinese Literature” during 2013-14. What are the details and the estimated expenditure involved?
- (c) The Department has stated that it would implement the major upgrade of the Multimedia Information System during 2013-14. What are the details and the estimated expenditure involved?

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Reply:

- a) The reprovisioning project of Pak Tin Public Library (PTPL) involves relocating the existing small library (215 sq m) at Pak Tin Estate to the Shek Kip Mei Estate Ancillary Facilities Block at Shek Kip Mei Estate Phase 2 Redevelopment. With an area of some 700 sq m, the new PTPL, to be commissioned in 2013-14, will provide enhanced services in terms of floor space for library materials, reading areas and computer facilities. Major facilities of the new PTPL include an adult library, a children's library, a newspapers and periodicals section, an extension activities room and other ancillary facilities. The estimated one-off^{Note 1} and annual recurrent^{Note 2} costs for the new library are \$5.63 million and \$5.75 million respectively.
- b) “The 12th Hong Kong Biennial Awards for Chinese Literature” organised by the Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) aims to recognise the excellence of Hong Kong literary authors, encourage continual pursuit in quality literary creation and promote the winning books of local authors to promote reading. Awards are given under the categories of poetry, prose, fiction, literary criticism and children and youth literature published for the first time in Hong Kong in 2011 and 2012. Nominations will close on 18 April 2013 and the result will be announced in November 2013. The estimated cost for organising the Awards is \$599,000 inclusive of publicity, prizes for award winners, remuneration for adjudicators (who will also conduct literary seminars) and prize presentation ceremony, etc.
- c) The upgrading of the Multimedia Information System (MMIS) aims to extend the MMIS services from the Hong Kong Central Library and 27 branch libraries to all 67 static libraries of the HKPL. The upgraded MMIS will support the development and retrieval of digital content, enhance navigation capabilities, provide additional channels for the public to access library resources through Internet and mobile technology, enhance online booking/reservation service for MMIS workstations and audio-

visual materials. The total estimated cost for the MMIS upgrading project is \$93.119 million. The project is targeted for completion in the third quarter of 2013.

Note 1 One-off cost includes the costs for setting up library systems and equipment, procurement of library materials, staffing for preparation of library materials and shelving, as well as decoration services for the new library, but excludes the construction and fitting out costs.

Note 2 Annual recurrent cost includes the costs of maintenance of library systems and equipment, staffing and hiring of services such as cleansing and security, and management fees for the premises.

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