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Question:

The Government proposes to 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. Please provide the details of the plan as well as information on the works expenditure, the operating expenditure and the manpower involved.

Asked by: Hon. CHEUNG Chiu-hung, Fernando

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 former Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club, a historic building, is \$18.9 million, and the estimated annual recurrent expenditure is \$16.623 million. The new art space will be under the purview of the Art Promotion Office (APO) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. The APO, headed by a Chief Curator, will set up a dedicated team comprising one Curator, one Assistant Curator I and two Assistant Curators II to manage and operate the new art space.

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