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Question:

In 2013-14, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will continue to promote the stadia, sports centres, heated swimming pools and jogging tracks in various districts in order to enhance their utilisation. What are the details of the promotion plans and the estimated manpower involved?

Asked by: Hon. KWOK Ka-ki

Reply:

To encourage greater use of sports facilities, especially during non-peak hours, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue to allow free use of selected sports facilities by schools, subvented non-government organisations, “national sports associations” and district sports associations during non-peak hours (i.e., from opening till 5 p.m. on weekdays between September and June of the following year). Moreover, people with disabilities, citizens aged 60 or above and full time students can enjoy concessionary rates in the use of sports facilities during peak and non-peak hours. The Department will continue to promote the use of public swimming pools through implementation of the public swimming pools monthly ticket scheme. In addition, the Department will continue to organise large-scale promotional activities such as the Sport for All Day, as well as fun days, training courses and competitions to promote the use of sports facilities. It will also continue to distribute promotional materials to schools and local organisations to encourage them to use the facilities.

The above measures are carried out as part of the ongoing work of LCSD through deployment of existing resources and manpower.

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