

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO
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Question:

The Government has stated in the Policy Address that the Home Affairs Bureau would implement the second stage of the enhancement project of the computerised system and an upgrade of the Multimedia Information System of the Hong Kong Public Libraries. What are the estimated resources and the total expenditure for the establishment of the systems? Are there any resources earmarked for publicity, promotion and public education in addition to those reserved for development purpose? What are the details and the estimated amount?

Asked by: Hon. MOK, Charles Peter

Reply:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) implements the “Replacement of Library Automation System” Project by two phases. The first phase was completed in 2011 and the second phase is targeted for completion in the fourth quarter of 2013. The estimated cost for the entire enhancement project is \$205.967 million.

The estimated cost for the upgrading project of the Multimedia Information System (MMIS) is \$93.119 million. The upgrading project is targeted for completion in the third quarter of 2013.

To promote the usage of the enhanced computerised library system and the upgraded MMIS, publicity through existing channels including press release, library newsletter, LCSD's departmental website, posters, leaflets, school visits, and user education sessions will be arranged. The expenditure will be absorbed by the Department within its existing resources.

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