

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY TO  
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Question:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department has indicated in the Estimates for 2013-14 that it would draw up the first draft inventory list of Hong Kong's intangible cultural heritage items.

- a) How long is it expected to be completed?
- b) Will it be published upon completion?
- c) What are the cost of drawing up the list and the manpower involved?

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Reply:

- a) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has commissioned the South China Research Center of Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) to conduct the first territory-wide survey of intangible cultural heritage (ICH) in Hong Kong. The Center has just submitted a draft inventory list which will be discussed by the Intangible Cultural Heritage Advisory Committee (ICHAC) in its coming meetings. Upon consideration of the draft inventory list by ICHAC, the Government will launch an extensive public consultation exercise on the draft list in mid-2013.
- b) Taking into account the public views received, the Government plans to publish the first inventory list of ICH in Hong Kong by early 2014.
- c) The expenditure involved in commissioning the South China Research Center to conduct the territory-wide survey of ICH is \$6.25 million, which covers remuneration for the survey team members, procurement of equipment for field survey recording and logistical expenses. The work in co-ordinating and monitoring HKUST's survey is taken up by the existing staff of the Hong Kong Heritage Museum.

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