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Question:

The Government intends to open a visual arts exhibition and activity centre at Oil Street, North Point. What types of artworks will be displayed at the exhibitions held at the centre? How will the centre determine the hire charges for use of venue? How will the department responsible for the operation of the centre streamline the administrative procedure for application for hiring the venue so that more hirers may use the centre?

Asked by: Hon. WONG Yuk-man

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. Through curating art exhibitions and organising community activities in collaboration with the visual arts sector, the art space will serve as an incubator for young artistic talents, a facilitator to art creations and an art project space to engage the community. Crossover disciplinary and experimental projects will also be organised to help young artists build up their career and personal profiles in the field. The artworks to be displayed at the art space will primarily be contemporary art created by local young artists. As an incubator for young artistic talents, the art space will be a platform where budding artists can share their works with the support of the Department. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department therefore does not intend to designate the art space as a hiring facility at this stage.

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