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Question (Member Question No. 94):

How much sand was lost from the artificial beach of the Gold Coast in the past three years? What remedial measures has the Department taken and what was the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon. CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth

Reply:

Given its geographic location, beach configuration and prevailing wave climate, the Golden Beach is susceptible to strong waves and hence sand loss. After the passage of the Typhoon Hagupit in 2008, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) entrusted the Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) to commission a consultancy study on the sand loss situation in the Golden Beach and to recommend improvement measures. Upon completion of the study in 2011, the LCSD commissioned the CEDD to implement improvements, including the provision of rock gabions for tree preservation, construction of a temporary groyne to mitigate sand loss and replenishment of sand. The works were completed in 2011 and the expenditure involved was about \$7.2 million. The LCSD does not have the figures on the amount of sand loss in the Golden Beach in the past three years.