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Question:

What is the preparatory work undertaken by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department for the 5th Hong Kong Games in 2015? What is the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Ka-lok, Kenneth (Member Question No. 81)

Reply:

The 5th Hong Kong Games (HKG) will be held from 25 April to 31 May 2015. An Organising Committee, comprising representatives from the Sports Commission, 18 District Councils, the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, “national sports associations”, the Home Affairs Bureau and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department was formed in March 2014 to oversee and evaluate the organisation of the 5th HKG. A total of eight sports competitions, namely athletics, badminton, basketball, futsal, table tennis, tennis, swimming and volleyball, will be organised. Apart from sports competitions, publicity and community participation programmes have been organised since June 2014 for participation by the general public. A Vitality Run, which is a new element of the 5th HKG, was organised in March 2015 and attracted over 5 000 participants. The total estimated expenditure for the 5th HKG is about \$31 million.

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