

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

In the past two years, the usage rates of the tennis courts managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) stood at around 60% only and the planned figure for 2015 is also 60% only. What measures will be taken by the LCSD to enhance the utilisation of tennis courts to avoid leaving the venues underused for prolonged periods of time? Please also list the usage rate of each of the tennis courts in New Territories East.

Asked by: Hon QUAT Elizabeth (Member Question No. 82)

Reply:

To encourage greater use of tennis courts, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue to allow concessionary use of the courts by schools and subvented non-government organisations during non-peak hours and by organisations for people with disabilities at all times. Moreover, people with disabilities can enjoy concessionary rates in the use of courts at all times while citizens aged 60 or above and students can enjoy the concessionary rates for the use of tennis courts during non-peak hours. In addition, LCSD will continue to organise large-scale promotional activities such as the "Sport For All" Day, as well as fun days, training courses and competitions to promote the use of tennis courts. Promotional materials will be distributed to schools and local organisations to encourage them to use the facilities. The usage rates of tennis courts in the New Territories East region are set out at the Annex.

**Usage of tennis courts in the New Territories East region in 2014**

<b>District</b>	<b>2014 Average Usage Rate (%)</b>
<b>Tai Po</b>	
Tai Po Sports Ground	58%
Wan Tau Kok Playground	53%
<b>Sai Kung</b>	
Po Tsui Park	73%
Sai Kung Tennis Courts	66%
<b>Sha Tin</b>	
Hin Tin Playground	57%
Ma On Shan Recreation Ground	52%
Siu Lek Yuen Road Playground	54%
Tsang Tai Uk Recreation Ground	57%
Yuen Wo Playground	61%

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