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Question:

It is stated in the Budget Speech that the Government is planning for “the facility upgrading of Tai Po Civic Centre (TPCC) as well as the renovation and improvement of Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre (SWHCC)”, costing a total of about \$900 million. In this connection, will the Government inform this Committee of: the equipment and facilities of TPCC and SWHCC to be included in the upgrading, renovation and improvement works; and whether innovative technology such as advanced sound system, projection mapping system, high-speed wireless networking or other advanced stage equipment will be incorporated to promote Arts Tech innovation and its development in the long run?

Asked by: Hon LAU Kwok-fan (LegCo internal reference no.: 27)

Reply:

The facility upgrading of the Tai Po Civic Centre project will expand space provision and upgrade existing facilities to the standard of a professional performance venue, while enhancing the accessibility of the venue. The project scope includes expansion of the Auditorium and enhancement of related facilities including the provision of about 700 raked seats, provision of an audio description room and a quiet room, upgrading of stage machinery as well as lighting and sound equipment, extension of back-of-house area and improvement of related facilities; expansion of the Black Box Theatre including the enlargement of the performance space, provision of variable stage modes, addition of stage lighting equipment, extension of back-of-house area and improvement of related facilities; re-provisioning of 2 function rooms; expansion of the foyer and addition of toilet facilities, a baby-care room, passenger lifts and an escalator; provision of barrier-free access and facilities; and enhancement of outdoor landscaping to create an artistic and cultural ambience.

The renovation and improvement project for the Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre includes refurbishment of all performance and hiring facilities of the venue; replacement of stage equipment and backstage facilities; provision of an audio description room and a quiet room in the Theatre; provision of a baby-care room in the foyer and addition of toilet facilities; improvement of the existing barrier-free access and facilities; replacement of building

services installations which include air-conditioning and mechanical ventilation, fire services, electrical, lighting, plumbing and drainage installations; and replacement of lifts, etc.

The LCSD will introduce appropriate innovative technologies and provide fibre-based broadband and wireless networking when planning for facility upgrading of its performance venues (including the two venues mentioned above) to meet the requirement of the performing arts sector and their aspiration for professional performance venues. Examples of the innovative technologies include immersive projection and sound systems, projection mapping system, tracking enabled audio-visual-light system and 4K live streaming system.

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