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Question:

It was mentioned in your reply that among the objects in the collections of the Hong Kong Museum of History, there were about 11 000 artefacts related to the War of Resistance Against Japan in Hong Kong. Such a rich collection is supposed to suffice for the establishment of a first-rate permanent “Museum on the War of Resistance Against Japan in Hong Kong, China”.

The 2022 Policy Address announced that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department would increase the number of museums by 4. Would the Government advise whether one of such new museums will be designated as the “Museum on the War of Resistance Against Japan in Hong Kong, China”?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yung

Reply:

Over the years, the Hong Kong Museum of History (HKMH) and the Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence (HKMCD) under the management of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) have presented in their permanent exhibitions the history of the War of Resistance against Japan on a long-term basis. Currently, the HKMH is revamping its permanent exhibition to further enhance the presentation of the Japanese invasion of China, Japanese attack on Hong Kong, the Battle of Hong Kong, the Hong Kong and Kowloon Independent Brigade of the East River Column (the East River Column) and so on to deepen public awareness of this chapter of Hong Kong history. Reopened in 2022, the HKMCD beefs up the presentation of the history of the war and the East River Column, with the number of dedicated thematic galleries being increased from 2 to 4. The contents on the history of the war, including the Japanese invasion of China, support to war efforts in China, the fall of Hong Kong, anti-Japanese guerillas and the East River Column, as well as the surrender of Japan, are enriched, while the activities of the East River Column behind enemy lines and the bravery of wartime heroes are presented in greater details.

The LCSD has received in the past views on the new museums' themes, including the establishment of a “Museum on the War of Resistance Against Japan in Hong Kong, China”.

The LCSD will conduct feasibility studies and consultation before finalising the themes of museums and the specific details.

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