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Question:

The Department will 'convert the existing "Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence" into the "Hong Kong Museum of the War of Resistance and Coastal Defence"' in the coming year.

1. What is the specific timetable for the conversion plan?
2. What are the estimated manpower and expenditure involved in the conversion?
3. Are there any plans for collaboration with relevant Mainland authorities and visits to relevant museums in the Mainland? If yes, what are the estimated numbers of visits and participants?

Asked by: Hon CHAN Yung (LegCo internal reference no.: 11)

Reply:

1. The Government plans to table its proposed amendments to the Designation of Museums Order (Cap. 132, section 105G) at the Legislative Council in May 2024 with a view to implementing the conversion of the "Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence" (HKMCD) into the "Hong Kong Museum of the War of Resistance and Coastal Defence" through negative vetting. The scheduled date of conversion is September 2024.
2. The expenditure and manpower involved in the conversion will be absorbed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department through a re-allocation of existing resources.
3. The HKMCD is currently in discussion with the Shenzhen Municipal Cultural Relics Bureau, the Dongjiang Column Memorial Hall in Shenzhen, and the Memorial Hall for the Great Rescue of Chinese Cultural Celebrities about holding an exhibition tentatively titled "Fight as one: War of Resistance Activities of East River Column in Shenzhen and Hong Kong Areas" at the HKMCD in September 2024. Staff of the HKMCD will conduct duty visits to the above 2 museums to exchange views with their counterparts. Where necessary, the HKMCD will liaise with other relevant authorities and museums

in the Mainland to arrange further visits and exchanges. In 2024-25, the HKMCD plans to arrange 2 visits to museums or historical sites in the Mainland related to the War of Resistance, and expects to assign 2 members of its staff to participate in each visit.

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