

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

Controlling Officer: Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Vincent LIU)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism

Question:

It is mentioned in the Programme that the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau will “continue to strengthen the promotion of urban sports”. In this connection, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. It was mentioned in the 2023-24 Budget that the Government would examine the conversion of some underutilised floors of the Kwun Chung Municipal Services Building into an urban sports centre. What is the progress of the conversion works concerned?
2. What are the estimated amount of time, expenditure and manpower required for the conversion?
3. Will the Government consider inviting the youth or relevant users to participate in the design of the centre? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHENG Wing-shun, Vincent (LegCo internal reference no.: 26)

Reply:

1. & 2. It was announced in the 2023-24 Budget that the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau was examining the conversion of some floors of the Kwun Chung Municipal Services Building into an urban sports centre, so as to provide a suitable venue for activities such as sport climbing and skateboarding. The technical feasibility study of the conversion project is in progress. The Government will provide the details on estimated expenditure and implementation schedule, which have yet to be confirmed, when consulting the relevant Legislative Council panel and the Public Works Subcommittee and seeking funding approval from the Finance Committee.
3. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) consulted the Yau Tsim Mong District Council in March 2023 about the plan to convert Kwun Chung Market into an urban sports centre, and the plan was supported by the District

Council. The LCSD will continue to proceed with the project according to the established procedures of public works projects, during which it will consult the views of different stakeholders, such as relevant national sports associations and sports organisations, district sports associations, and youth groups.

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