

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:

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organises recreation and sports programmes on a regular basis to promote "Sport for All". In this connection, please advise this Committee of the following:

1. The estimated number of programmes to be organised under the School Sports Programme in 2024 is 7 200. What are the estimated expenditure, manpower and number of participants of such programmes?
2. About 370 programmes were launched in promotion of urban sports. What were the number of participants and details of expenditure of such programmes?
3. Has the LCSD considered promoting its recreation and sports programmes in collaboration with community groups to invite greater participation from young people or members of the public in such programmes? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?
4. The LCSD organises "Sport For All Day" every August to provide free sports programmes and facilities as well as online sports demonstrations. Has the Department kept statistics on the numbers of participants and views of the relevant web pages for 2023? If so, what are the details? If not, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon CHENG Wing-shun, Vincent (LegCo internal reference no.: 54)

Reply:

1. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has earmarked \$39.51 million for the School Sports Programme for 2024-25. About 7 200 programmes will be organised for around 610 000 participants.
2. In 2023-24, the LCSD organised about 370 activities of urban sports including 3-on-3 basketball, sport climbing, breaking, skateboarding and futsal for around 15 300 participants, with an estimated expenditure of about \$2.76 million.

3. The LCSD strives to promote “Sport for All” by organising diversified recreation and sports activities every year to encourage members of the public of varying ages and abilities to develop regular exercise habits. Such programmes are mostly conducted in the form of elementary training courses or play-in sessions, encouraging wider public participation in various activities. In the course of planning, the LCSD will seek, from time to time, consultation with respective national sports associations, while working with relevant groups to promote its recreation and sports programmes. The LCSD plans to organise about 37 900 activities in 2024-25 for 2.73 million participants, in a bid to help the public develop regular exercise habits.

4. The Sport For All Day 2023 was held on 6 August 2023 with an attendance of almost 200 000. Among them were over 21 000 who participated in free recreation and sports programmes; more than 160 000 who enjoyed recreation facilities free-of-charge; as well as over 15 000 who viewed live webcasts of sports demonstrations on the dedicated website and the “LCSD Plusss” Facebook page on the event day.

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