

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

To tie in with the activities of the “Night Vibes Hong Kong” campaign, 3 museums under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), namely the Hong Kong Museum of Art, the Hong Kong Science Museum and the Hong Kong Space Museum, have extended their opening hours on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays. Please advise of:

1. the monthly attendance figures of the 3 museums above after the extension of their opening hours compared to the same period last year;
2. the detailed plans, the estimated expenditures allocated to different projects and the implementation schedules for the series of exhibitions and activities relating to Chinese history and culture (including the history of the War of Resistance) and pop culture to be launched by the LCSD; and
3. the status of each museum in respect of their recruitment work under the Docent Recruitment and Training Programme, which ended in 2023, and whether there will be any new training programmes in the future.

Asked by: Hon WONG Kwok, Kingsley (LegCo internal reference no.: 14)

Reply:

1. The attendances at the Hong Kong Museum of Art (HKMoA), the Hong Kong Science Museum (HKScM) and the Hong Kong Space Museum under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) during the extension of opening hours from 29 September 2023 to 1 January 2024, as well as their attendances from September 2022 to January 2023, are at **Annex I**.
2. The LCSD plans to organise exhibitions on Chinese history and culture as well as pop culture in 2024-25. Details are set out at **Annex II** and **Annex III** respectively.
3. The LCSD museums with docent services for visitors include the HKMoA, the Hong Kong Heritage Museum (HKHM), the HKScM, the Hong Kong Museum of History

(HKMH), the Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum, and the Fireboat Alexander Grantham Exhibition Gallery.

The HKMH and the HKMoA launched the Docent Recruitment and Training Programme in 2023, and received 443 and 770 applications respectively. Eventually, 139 and 85 applicants passed the interviews and joined the training programmes of the respective museums. The HKHM will also launch the Docent Training Programme in 2024 to recruit new docents.

The LCSD museums will launch the Docent Recruitment and Training Programme in the future depending on their operational needs.

**Attendances at the Hong Kong Museum of Art,  
the Hong Kong Science Museum and the Hong Kong Space Museum**

(i) From September 2023 to January 2024<sup>(1)</sup>

Museum	Attendance				
	September 2023	October 2023	November 2023	December 2023	January 2024
Hong Kong Museum of Art	93 431	136 653	118 933	163 294	151 657
Hong Kong Science Museum	61 463	88 966	68 485	143 485 <sup>(2)</sup>	165 863 <sup>(2)</sup>
Hong Kong Space Museum	51 521	78 838	55 037	73 670	77 487

**Notes:**

- (1) To tie in with the activities of the “Night Vibes Hong Kong” campaign, 3 museums under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department extended their opening hours on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays from 29 September 2023 to 1 January 2024.
- (2) The “China Manned Space Exhibition” was held at the Hong Kong Science Museum and the Hong Kong Museum of History from 1 December 2023 to 18 February 2024.

(ii) From September 2022 to January 2023

Museum	Attendance				
	September 2022	October 2022	November 2022	December 2022	January 2023
Hong Kong Museum of Art	56 079	58 829	31 127	41 764	38 824
Hong Kong Science Museum <sup>Note</sup>	120 118	129 562	92 732	72 600	75 920
Hong Kong Space Museum	47 467	46 014	39 414	52 259	53 944

**Note:** The permanent exhibitions at the Hong Kong Science Museum were fully open to visitors free of charge during the exhibition period of “The Hong Kong Jockey Club Series: The Big Eight – Dinosaur Revelation” (8 July 2022 to 22 February 2023).

**Exhibitions on the promotion of Chinese history and culture to be held  
by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2024-25**

	Date	Name of exhibition	Venue	Estimated expenditure <sup>(1)</sup> (\$million)
1	1 April to 30 June 2024	Pictorial Exhibition on “The National Flag, Emblem and Anthem of the People’s Republic of China”	Lam Tin Public Library Shun Lee Estate Public Library Lei Yue Mun Public Library Shui Wo Street Public Library Ngau Tau Kok Public Library Sau Mau Ping Public Library	-(2)
2	3 April to 8 July 2024	The Ancient Civilisation of the Xia, Shang and Zhou Dynasties in Henan Province	Hong Kong Museum of History	21.8
3	12 April 2024 to May 2025	Art of Gifting: The Fuyun Xuan Collection of Chinese Snuff Bottles	Hong Kong Museum of Art	2.86
4	May 2024	Series on Culture and History of the Islands District Exhibition of Winning Entries of “Bun Carnival 2024 – Student Drawing & Colouring Competition”	Cheung Chau Public Library Tung Chung Public Library	-(2)
5	May to July 2024 (tentative)	Fallen Leaves Returning to their Roots: Bone Repatriation Service of Tung Wah Group of Hospitals and Preservation of its Cultural Heritage	Hong Kong Museum of History	-(3)
6	1 May 2024 to April 2025	Breaking New Ground – Donation Works of Chan Wing Sum	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	0.2
7	28 June to 16 October 2024	Fragrance of Time – In Search of Chinese Art of Scent	Hong Kong Museum of Art	8

	Date	Name of exhibition	Venue	Estimated expenditure <sup>(1)</sup> (\$million)
8	July to December 2024	Brief Introduction on “Hong Kong Memory” Exhibition	Fanling Public Library Chai Wan Public Library Tai Kok Tsui Public Library Shek Tong Tsui Public Library Yuen Long Public Library Sham Shui Po Public Library	0.005
9	1 July to 31 August 2024	Discover the Intangible Cultural Heritage with “Po Po” Panel Exhibition	Lai Chi Kok Public Library Po On Road Public Library Sham Shui Po Public Library	-(2)
10	August to September 2024	Pictorial Exhibition on “China’s War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression”	Cheung Chau Public Library Tung Chung Public Library	-(2)
11	September 2024	Panel Exhibition: Exploring Literature in Tai Po	Tai Po Public Library	-(2)
12	September 2024	Mid-Autumn Lantern Carnival – Hong Kong Intangible Cultural Heritage – Exhibition on Traditional Craftsmanship of Lantern Making (tentative)	Pitch No. 4, Victoria Park	1.2 <sup>(4)</sup>
13	September to October 2024	“Broadway of Lingnan”: Roving Exhibition related to The Development of Cantonese Opera	Ma On Shan Public Library Yuen Chau Kok Public Library Sha Tin Public Library	-(2)
14	September to December 2024 (tentative)	Exhibition for the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the People’s Republic of China (tentative)	Hong Kong Museum of History and Hong Kong Science Museum	6
15	September to December 2024 (tentative)	In Retrospect: Moonchu Collection of Early Chinese Photography (tentative)	Hong Kong Museum of History	3.95
16	September to December 2024	Music Exhibition: A Rendezvous with Guqin	LCSD Public Libraries	0.038

	Date	Name of exhibition	Venue	Estimated expenditure <sup>(1)</sup> (\$million)
17	September 2024 to January 2025 (tentative)	Archaic Curator Series: Grace of Glaze (tentative)	Oil Street Art Space	0.68
18	September 2024 to July 2025 (tentative)	Fight as one: War of Resistance Activities of East River Column in Shenzhen and Hong Kong Areas (tentative)	Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence	1.4
19	September 2024 to August 2026	Buddhist Pilgrimage – Tibetan Buddhist Treasures from the Donation of The Tsui Art Foundation	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	1.95
20	October to November 2024	Exhibition of “Intangible Cultural Heritage” and Workshops’ Works	Exhibition Hall, G/F, Ping Shan Tin Shui Wai Public Library Yuen Long Public Library	0.008
21	October to December 2024	Intangible Cultural Heritage of Greater Bay Area Exhibition (tentative) (Part of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area Culture and Arts Festival)	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	3
22	November 2024 (tentative)	Greater Bay Area Document Exhibition – Heritage and Inclusion: Literary Treasures of the Greater Bay Area (tentative)	Hong Kong Central Library	0.68
23	November 2024	“Appreciating Chinese Tea Culture” Exhibition	Aberdeen Public Library	-(2)
24	November 2024 to January 2025	“Intangible Cultural Heritage in Sai Kung – Hakka Unicorn Dance” Exhibition	Sai Kung Public Library Tiu Keng Leng Public Library Tseung Kwan O Public Library	-(2)
25	8 November 2024 to 10 September 2025	From the Court to the Mountain	Hong Kong Museum of Art	0.69

	Date	Name of exhibition	Venue	Estimated expenditure <sup>(1)</sup> (\$million)
26	December 2024 to March 2025	Exhibition on Flower Board	Tuen Mun Public Library Tai Hing Public Library Butterfly Estate Public Library	-(2)
27	January to February 2025	Lunar New Year Lantern Carnival – Hong Kong Intangible Cultural Heritage – Exhibition on Traditional Craftsmanship of Lantern Making (tentative)	Hong Kong Cultural Centre Piazza	1.2 <sup>(4)</sup>

Notes:

- (1) Estimated expenditure to be borne by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) (including funding from sponsorship).
- (2) Exhibition panels will be provided by supporting organisations free of charge.
- (3) The exhibition will be co-organised by the Hong Kong Museum of History under the LCSD, and the relevant expenditure will be borne by the organiser.
- (4) Estimated total expenditure for “Mid-Autumn and Lunar New Year Lantern Carnivals – Hong Kong Intangible Cultural Heritage – Exhibition on Traditional Craftsmanship of Lantern Making”.

**Annex III to Reply Serial No. CSTB340**

**Exhibitions on pop culture to be held by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2024-25**

	Date	Name of exhibition	Venue	Estimated expenditure <sup>(1)</sup> (\$million)
1	1 April to 31 July 2024	The Hong Kong Musicians Series: Exhibition on Music Document Highlights of Joseph Koo & James Wong	Hong Kong Central Library	<sup>(2)</sup>
2	17 April to 5 May 2024	Arts or Action, Why Not Both? Classic Martial Arts Drama Costumes and Props Exhibition	Foyer, Hong Kong Cultural Centre	1.5
3	8 May to 7 October 2024		Hong Kong Heritage Museum	
4	31 May to 3 November 2024	Coming to a Theatre Near You – Gems of Hong Kong Film Trailers	Hong Kong Film Archive	1.15
5	30 July 2024 to 10 February 2025	A Laugh at the World: James Wong	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	2

Notes:

- (1) Estimated expenditure to be borne by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department.
- (2) As the exhibition is a display of library materials from public libraries, it does not involve any additional expenditure.

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