

History Sub-committee, Museum Advisory Committee

6th Meeting held on 12 November 2019

Summary of Discussion

1. Three Year Plans of the History Museums and Related Offices Managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

- 1.1 Members noted and in general agreed to the three year plans of the history museums and other related offices managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), including the annual programme plans for the year 2020-21 and the tentative programme plans for the years 2021-22 and 2022-23.
- 1.2 Noting that the Hong Kong Museum of History (HKMH) would curate a special exhibition showcasing the essence of the permanent exhibition *The Hong Kong Story* during its temporary closure for revamping, a member suggested that HKMH could consider exploring the possibility of presenting this abridged version on a “mobile museum” for reaching out to different schools in Hong Kong. An LCSD representative replied that LCSD was formulating a plan to roll out a “museum truck” to bring different museum collections to the community.
- 1.3 A member suggested that the Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence could include history of air raids against Hong Kong from 1941 to 1945 to enrich the *Wartime Bombs in Hong Kong* exhibition.
- 1.4 A member enquired about the collaboration and liaison work with Mainland and overseas institutes and expressed interest in taking part in the preparatory work of the special exhibitions, such as joining LCSD curators in the duty visits to Mainland or overseas museums if possible.
- 1.5 LCSD representatives explained that LCSD usually established stable, long-term partnerships with Mainland and overseas museums by signing Memorandum of Understanding or Letter of Intent, which would facilitate early planning of blockbuster exhibitions.

2. Revamping of the Hong Kong Railway Museum

- 2.1 Members noted the latest progress of the revamping of the Hong Kong Railway Museum (HKRM), a branch museum managed by the Hong Kong Heritage Museum. A member enquired about the changes in the themes or contents of the permanent exhibition after the revamping. An LCSD representative explained that the new permanent exhibition would be more diverse after revamping.

- 2.2 Concerning the promotion and patronage of HKRM, members suggested exploring opportunities of collaborations with schools, echoing the themes of the branch museums with special thematic exhibitions in major museums, and promoting HKRM together with other tourist attractions in the same district as a cultural cluster.

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