

## History Sub-committee, Museum Advisory Committee

9th Meeting held on 3 November 2021

### Summary of Discussion

#### 1. **Three-Year Plans (2022-25) of the History Museums and Related Offices Managed by LCSD**

- Members noted and in general agreed to the Annual Programme Plans of the Hong Kong Heritage Museum (HKHM) and the Hong Kong Museum of History (HKMH) for the year 2022-23. They also noted the tentative Annual Programme Plans of the history museums and related offices for the years 2023-24 and 2024-25.
- Members made the following enquiries and suggestions:
  - Members enquired about the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the progress and budget of the renewal of the permanent exhibitions in HKMH and the Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence (MCD) as well as the control and monitoring;
  - Members enquired about the production details and the strength of the new tensile structure of MCD;
  - The issues of pirates near the Hong Kong coastline during the early years of British occupation could be a potential topic for thematic exhibition in MCD;
  - Suggested sourcing collection items from the Hong Kong Museum of Education of the Education University of Hong Kong to enrich the *Textbooks of Early Republican Era* exhibition of Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum (SYSM);
  - Apart from jointly presenting the *Stories of Tsinghua University in Republican China* exhibition with the Tsinghua University at SYSM, LCSD could consider collaborating with universities in the Guangdong region;
  - Members commented on the narration of the exhibitions of the Lei Cheng Uk Han Tomb Museum (LCU), and proposed exploring more appropriate archaeological descriptions on the relations between Hong Kong and the motherland in ancient times. Chairperson suggested that LCSD could further study the issue and exchange views on the contents with members;
  - Regarding the online programmes of HKHM and HKMH, members proposed to review the performance through statistic; and
  - LCSD could enhance the support for research projects on ethnic minorities and consider organising more programmes for the elderly in the community.

- Representatives of LCSD responded as follows:
- LCSD had been closely monitoring the working schedule and the performance of the overseas design contractors for the renewal of permanent exhibition in HKMH in regular meetings;
  - Designed and procured by the Architectural Services Department, the new tensile structure of MCD was further strengthened and stabilised. It remained stable and intact after struck by two typhoons in October 2021;
  - Despite the fact that the delivery of fabricated showcases for the revamp of MCD was affected by the unfavourable shipping conditions under the COVID-19 pandemic, no extra costs would be incurred since the price was fixed in the contracts;
  - The exhibits of the Textbooks of Early Republican Era exhibition of SYSM were mainly selected from the museum collections. HKMH would explore the sources of loan exhibits suggested by members;
  - The Youth Engagement Programme of LCU aimed at engaging students and teachers of the Hong Kong Metropolitan University to enhance the narratives and education provisions of the exhibition from a novel perspective. HKMH would take into account members' comments on the archaeological interpretation;
  - Most of the online programmes of LCSD museums were scheduled on Saturdays or Sunday mornings. The previous scheduling of programmes at weekday lunchtime was a new attempt for audience building; and
  - To facilitate public access, online programmes with no copyright issue would be recorded and uploaded to the internet.

## **2. Any Other Business**

- Members noted the establishment of the Activity Centre for the Promotion of Chinese History and Culture, the winning design of the “Design Competition 1+1 – Expansion of Hong Kong Science Museum and Hong Kong Museum of History” and the revamped version of Bruce Lee Exhibition.

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