

Science Sub-committee, Museum Advisory Committee

2nd Meeting held on 17 October 2017

Summary of Discussion

- 1. Three Year Plans of Science Museums and Related Offices managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)**
 - 1.1 Members noted and in general agreed to the Annual Plans (together with the Annual Programme Plans) of the Hong Kong Science Museum (HKScM) and the Hong Kong Space Museum (HKSpM) for the year 2018-19. They also noted their tentative Annual Programme Plans for the years 2019-20 and 2020-21.
 - 1.2 Members made the following suggestions and comments regarding the Annual Plans and Annual Programme Plans of the science museums:-
 - (a) A task force comprising scientists and industrialists could be set up for in-depth discussion so that the science museums' work plans could be formulated in a more forward-looking way to better cope with the fast-paced changing world;
 - (b) In addition to the traditional science subjects, new developments in technology such as Smart City, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Bitcoin and Blockchain, and FinTech (Financial Technology) could be potential topics for public programmes so as to facilitate the general public to better understand these subjects, particularly the younger generations;
 - (c) The HKScM was advised to showcase the achievements of local young scientists through collaboration with the Croucher Foundation (which supported local young people to pursue scientific research) by arranging sharing sessions among their awardees and local students; and
 - (d) The HKSpM was advised to explore the possibility of arranging a visit to the FAST (The Five-hundred-meter Aperture Spherical Radio Telescope in Guizhou) for participants of the Young Astronaut Training Camp.
- 2. Current Practice and Future Development Strategies of HK SciFest**
 - 2.1 Members noted the current practice and future development strategies of the HK SciFest, and made the following suggestions and comments:-
 - (a) The LCSD was advised to map out a complete strategic plan of the HK SciFest and consider presenting programmes and activities under a mega theme adopted annually so as to give this event a clearer direction and build up the expectations of the audience;

- (b) With careful selection of commercial partners, the LCSD could also consider engaging the private sector in the event in order to broaden the scope and add more innovative elements to the event; and
- (c) Past programmes of the HK SciFest could be archived as education resources and made accessible online as reference materials for schools and students.

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