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Question:

It is mentioned in the Programme that the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will set up exhibition galleries at the Hong Kong Museum of History to showcase the development and achievements of our country before commissioning of the new museum, and convert the existing Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence into the Hong Kong Museum of the War of Resistance and Coastal Defence. In this regard, please inform this Committee of the following:

1. When will the exhibition galleries to showcase the development and achievements of our country at the Hong Kong Museum of History be opened? How long will be the exhibition period?
2. What will be the specific categories and contents of national development and achievements to be displayed?
3. Where will be the site of the future museum showcasing the development and achievements of our country? When will it be constructed and completed? Will there be any task force to handle the exhibition on national development and achievements? What will be the staffing establishment and estimated overall expenditure?

Asked by: Hon CHENG Wing-shun, Vincent (LegCo internal reference no.: 65)

Reply:

1. In response to the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, the Hong Kong Museum of History (HKMH) will join hands with the Hong Kong Science Museum in organising the "Exhibition on the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China" from September to December 2024 to showcase our country's development and achievements in such domains as culture, sports and science over the years. Subsequently, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue to hold thematic exhibitions on relevant contents at the exhibition galleries of the HKMH every year until the commissioning of the new museum showcasing the development and achievements of our country.

2. The exhibitions in the new museum are expected to cover such aspects as our country's history (including the foreign invasion into China and the War of Resistance, the development of the Communist Party of China, the founding of the New China, reform and opening up of our country), politics, science, economic development, national security, sports accomplishments, technological advancements, aerospace technology and culture development (including ancient Chinese culture and intangible cultural heritage) to illustrate our country's development and achievements in various domains, and its road to strength and prosperity. Local circumstances will also be incorporated into different areas to make it easier for citizens to understand the close relationship between Hong Kong and our country's development.
3. The LCSD is currently holding discussions and conducting a study with the Development Bureau and other related departments with a view to identifying an optimal site for the new museum. The newly established Chinese Culture Promotion Office, under the lead of the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau and the LCSD, will co-ordinate in formulating appropriate proposals for the implementation timetable of the new museum. As the project is still at its planning stage, the project cost and manpower required have yet to be confirmed.

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