

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Question:

To echo the “Night Vibes Hong Kong” campaign to promote night activities, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has extended the weekend opening hours of 3 of its museums since late September 2023. Would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. Please tabulate the respective annual attendance figures of the museums under the LCSD in the past 3 years.
2. Please tabulate the respective monthly attendance figures of the museums under the LCSD in the past 3 years.
3. Are there any statistics on the monthly increase in attendance for each museum during the period of extended weekend opening hours? If yes, what are the figures? If no, how will the Government monitor the effectiveness of the extension to echo the “Night Vibes Hong Kong” campaign?
4. What is the total additional expenditure incurred as a result of the extension of weekend opening hours of the 3 museums?

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Reply:

1. & 2. The annual and monthly attendance figures of the museums and art spaces under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in the past 3 years are set out at **Annex**.
3. To echo the “Night Vibes Hong Kong” campaign, the Hong Kong Museum of Art, the Hong Kong Science Museum and the Hong Kong Space Museum extended their opening hours from 29 September 2023 to 1 January 2024. The additional monthly attendances of each museum during the extension are tabulated below:

Month	Increase in Attendance (Number of Extended Opening Hours <sup>Note</sup> )		
	Hong Kong Museum of Art	Hong Kong Science Museum	Hong Kong Space Museum
September 2023	2 048 (7 hours)	79 (4 hours)	184 (2 hours)
October 2023	3 865 (43 hours)	402 (22 hours)	633 (13 hours)
November 2023	5 027 (40 hours)	1 210 (20 hours)	325 (12 hours)
December 2023	10 666 (51 hours)	1 031 (27 hours)	404 (15 hours)
January 2024	399 (3 hours)	7 (1 hour)	19 (1 hour)

Note: Given the different opening hours of the 3 museums, the numbers of extended opening hours vary accordingly.

4. The additional expenditure involved in the extension of the opening hours of the Hong Kong Museum of Art, the Hong Kong Science Museum and the Hong Kong Space Museum from 29 September 2023 to 1 January 2024 is about \$1.54 million.

**Attendance at Museums and Art Spaces  
under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2021-22**

Museum/Art Space		April 2021	May 2021	June 2021	July 2021	August 2021	September 2021	October 2021	November 2021	December 2021	January 2022 <sup>(1)</sup>	February 2022 <sup>(1)</sup>	March 2022 <sup>(1)</sup>	Total
1	Hong Kong Museum of Art	46 893	69 860	79 601	95 881	92 167	59 380	52 006	34 569	43 189	5 490	-	-	579 036
2	Hong Kong Museum of History	26 469	27 823	29 984	44 818	47 591	21 612	21 691	15 550	19 660	1 947	-	-	257 145
3	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	17 821	22 805	34 033	52 091	59 341	34 202	34 255	29 015	37 471	5 393	-	-	326 427
4	Hong Kong Science Museum	60 649	82 034	97 578	147 792	242 809	137 058	127 613	101 291	71 716	6 229	-	-	1 074 769
5	Hong Kong Space Museum	30 123	32 032	35 822	98 515	101 057	53 590	50 878	37 407	52 000	5 845	-	-	497 269
6	Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum	3 248	3 179	2 754	5 830	6 929	5 016	6 242	6 093	7 144	951	-	-	47 386
8	Fireboat Alexander Grantham Exhibition Gallery	9 013	4 394	3 297	4 741	5 819	3 320	6 361	5 526	6 471	1 404	-	-	50 346
9	Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware	6 576	6 084	7 769	6 353	5 980	4 761	5 451	5 053	6 503	877	-	-	55 407
10	Hong Kong Railway Museum	22 910	15 472	11 083	12 460	13 824	10 717	14 401	14 852	15 773	2 862	-	-	134 354
11	Law Uk Folk Museum	717	590	453	1 638	1 535	635	736	691	715	170	-	-	7 880
12	Lei Cheng Uk Han Tomb Museum	2 685	2 191	1 884	1 892	2 004	1 494	2 122	1 922	2 498	415	-	-	19 107

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13	Sam Tung Uk Museum	3 122	2 801	2 233	2 661	2 614	1 991	3 278	6 449	7 729	886	-	-	33 764
14	Sheung Yiu Folk Museum	6 066	3 021	1 087	1 454	1 543	1 462	5 309	6 650	_(3)	_(3)	_(3)	_(3)	26 592 <sup>(3)</sup>
15	Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre	4 116	4 508	3 256	3 929	4 747	3 743	4 750	4 711	4 251	629	-	-	38 640
16	Oi!	9 660	8 098	6 050	6 461	6 215	7 396	13 389	9 972	12 411	2 183	-	-	81 835
17	Hong Kong Film Archive	2 184	5 005	4 668	6 237	5 855	4 854	5 590	4 939	4 508	657	-	-	44 497
													<b>Total</b>	3 274 454

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Museum/Art Space		April 2022 <sup>(1)</sup>	May 2022	June 2022	July 2022	August 2022	September 2022	October 2022	November 2022	December 2022	January 2023	February 2023	March 2023	Total
1	Hong Kong Museum of Art	9 356	44 059	44 319	75 091	78 728	56 079	58 829	31 127	41 764	38 824	41 087	64 274	583 537
2	Hong Kong Museum of History	4 073	19 453	20 645	53 353	48 145	26 416	26 890	23 065	21 967	21 614	22 161	37 466	325 248
3	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	6 211	24 439	25 590	34 223	48 643	50 477	52 783	44 341	36 281	40 733	43 273	43 567	450 561
4	Hong Kong Science Museum	13 830	62 310	54 873	157 538	209 199	120 118	129 562	92 732	72 600	75 920	70 313	42 148	1 101 143
5	Hong Kong Space Museum	10 929	47 889	48 685	85 826	77 073	47 467	46 014	39 414	52 259	53 944	45 951	53 005	608 456
6	Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence	_(2)	_(2)	_(2)	_(2)	_(2)	_(2)	_(2)	6 923	22 246	17 490	15 518	22 776	84 953 <sup>(2)</sup>
7	Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum	1 262	5 181	4 931	7 076	6 637	4 862	5 993	7 883	6 534	5 861	5 720	6 807	68 747
8	Fireboat Alexander Grantham Exhibition Gallery	1 932	5 274	3 288	3 462	4 007	3 166	6 076	7 533	7 095	9 028	6 539	6 111	63 511
9	Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware	1 553	5 829	4 773	5 383	6 909	6 764	8 776	6 579	7 470	8 027	6 988	9 084	78 135
10	Hong Kong Railway Museum	3 773	11 796	9 847	10 028	11 524	9 650	15 164	12 215	18 707	22 485	19 428	23 901	168 518
11	Law Uk Folk Museum	145	403	401	468	563	583	712	826	908	1 136	1 488	1 698	9 331
12	Lei Cheng Uk Han Tomb Museum	362	1 763	1 741	2 046	1 745	1 747	2 373	1 995	1 757	1 801	2 089	2 426	21 845
13	Sam Tung Uk Museum	746	3 266	4 801	4 249	3 668	3 252	4 268	6 093	6 790	5 126	6 168	8 960	57 387
14	Sheung Yiu Folk Museum	_(3)	_(3)	_(3)	_(3)	_(3)	_(3)	_(3)	_(3)	3 003	5 175	4 362	4 840	17 380 <sup>(3)</sup>

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15	Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre	1 075	4 039	3 922	3 468	3 624	3 431	4 007	4 309	3 676	3 137	4 968	4 491	44 147
16	Oi!	2 675	22 995	46 040	46 472	54 044	59 280	62 185	62 841	68 661	68 628	59 792	69 562	623 175 <sup>(4)</sup>
17	Hong Kong Film Archive	853	3 412	4 027	4 914	5 863	6 523	5 778	5 476	6 852	5 740	7 018	7 898	64 354
													<b>Total</b>	4 370 428

**Attendance at Museums and Art Spaces  
under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in 2023-24<sup>(5)</sup>**

Museum/Art Space		April 2023	May 2023	June 2023	July 2023	August 2023	September 2023	October 2023	November 2023	December 2023	January 2024	February 2024	Total <sup>(5)</sup>
1	Hong Kong Museum of Art	89 082	77 318	87 592	162 171	184 752	93 431	136 653	118 933	163 294	151 657	175 414	1 440 297
2	Hong Kong Museum of History	42 022	40 844	49 576	87 843	93 451	48 388	62 923	4 066 <sup>(6)</sup>	39 969	40 042	40 073	549 197
3	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	110 354	76 929	72 176	77 751	62 994	48 124	44 632	45 303	58 175	55 691	45 360	697 489
4	Hong Kong Science Museum	87 549	64 261	92 694	171 276	184 986	61 463	88 966	68 485	143 485	165 863	148 830	1 277 858
5	Hong Kong Space Museum	82 695	61 229	82 586	141 194	152 112	51 521	78 838	55 037	73 670	77 487	100 997	957 366
6	Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence	23 608	14 338	13 161	15 985	14 320	7 727	13 484	13 757	14 844	12 228	10 005	153 457
7	Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum	8 418	7 529	6 363	8 335	8 345	4 775	7 875	6 704	7 438	8 033	7 519	81 334
8	Fireboat Alexander Grantham Exhibition Gallery	6 807	5 973	2 547	3 151	3 351	2 476	4 762	11 763	5 534	4 674	5 897	56 935
9	Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware	10 085	7 297	6 666	6 939	8 218	5 464	8 626	8 348	7 392	9 094	7 518	85 647
10	Hong Kong Railway Museum	27 428	17 961	13 725	15 796	16 635	3 861	19 738	24 483	27 570	27 184	24 663	219 044
11	Law Uk Folk Museum	2 654	1 730	1 148	1 130	1 457	1 009	1 548	1 570	1 634	1 897	974	16 751
12	Lei Cheng Uk Han Tomb Museum	3 449	2 457	1 962	2 278	2 209	2 128	2 581	2 319	2 449	2 461	1 914	26 207
13	Sam Tung Uk Museum	8 884	8 393	6 821	8 628	9 091	5 722	7 005	10 869	11 442	7 498	7 826	92 179
14	Sheung Yiu Folk Museum	4 853	2 853	1 609	1 430	1 502	583	3 923	5 466	4 532	3 143	3 501	33 395

Museum/Art Space		April 2023	May 2023	June 2023	July 2023	August 2023	September 2023	October 2023	November 2023	December 2023	January 2024	February 2024	Total <sup>(5)</sup>
15	Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre	5 682	3 436	3 876	4 728	4 410	2 827	4 042	4 407	3 510	4 205	3 840	44 963
16	Oi!	66 352	65 008	59 926	64 793	67 608	55 482	65 910	52 408	46 064	49 463	42 952	635 966
17	Hong Kong Film Archive	9 706	7 950	7 862	9 896	8 914	6 712	7 078	7 420	8 017	8 067	6 609	88 231
												<b>Total</b>	<b>6 456 316</b>

### Notes

- (1) Due to the impact of the COVID-19 epidemic, museums and venues under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department were temporarily closed from 7 January 2022 to 20 April 2022.
- (2) The Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence was temporarily closed from 17 September 2018 to 23 November 2022 for major repair and renovation.
- (3) The Sheung Yiu Folk Museum was temporarily closed from 1 December 2021 to 22 December 2022 for repair.
- (4) Oi! underwent an expansion project in 2019. The new extension opened on 24 May 2022.
- (5) Attendance as at 29 February 2024.
- (6) The Hong Kong Museum of History was partially closed from 2 to 30 November 2023 for the preparation of the “China Manned Space Exhibition”.