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Question:

It was mentioned in the 2023 Policy Address that the Government would enhance education on our country's history, culture and current affairs on different fronts, thereby promoting patriotism and ensuring its continuity from generation to generation.

- (1) Does the initiative include supporting the community's promotion of patriotic education and promotional programmes on Chinese culture? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?
- (2) Apart from providing resources, will the Bureau consider enhancing the public's understanding of our country and national affairs by consolidating local history resources, such as setting up a historical trail relating to the East River Column in Hong Kong during the War of Resistance, or incorporating the contents of the Hong Kong Sha Tau Kok Anti-Japanese War Memorial Hall? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LEE Wai-king, Starry (LegCo internal reference no.: 3)

Reply:

- (1) The newly established Chinese Culture Promotion Office (CCPO) is committed to establishing a platform for social partnership. It will actively work with different cultural groups and stakeholders to create synergies in promoting Chinese culture and patriotic education, and is currently liaising with organisations which it intends to collaborate with. For example, it is discussing with the Academy of Chinese Studies the possibility of co-producing video programmes and school activities; planning to collaborate with the Hong Kong Resource Centre for Heritage to launch school outreach activities; and negotiating with the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups about co-organising Mainland study tours on history and culture for young people. The CCPO will explore collaborations in organising different forms of promotional activities on Chinese culture and make effective use of the existing social networks, district resources and professional knowledge of individual collaborators, so as to

introduce excellent cultural programmes to every segment of the audience, thereby disseminating Chinese culture more extensively in the community.

- (2) The CCPO will curate and organise diversified series of activities to promote Chinese culture from multiple perspectives to various audiences by fully utilising and co-ordinating the abundant resources related to Chinese culture and history within the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), including museum collections, cultural programmes, library resources and film materials, in partnership with the museums, libraries, performance venues, and other recreational and cultural facilities under the LCSD. Such activities include a “General History of China Exhibition Series” which gives a systematic introduction to Chinese historical development, a Teaching and Learning Series designed for teachers and students, a Community Series targeting all walks of life in the community, and exchange activities. In addition, the CCPO will also organise annually a “Chinese Culture Festival”, which aims at promoting Chinese culture to the public comprehensively and systematically. Apart from mobilising the LCSD’s resources, the CCPO will form partnership with other government departments, cultural institutions and stakeholders, with a view to making optimal use of the strengths and resources of various parties for organising joint programmes to promote Chinese culture.

The LCSD has organised, and will continue to organise, field trips to historical sites in Sai Kung, Wu Kau Tang, Sha Tau Kok, Yuen Long and other areas relating to the War of Resistance against Japanese Aggression, with a view to enhancing the public’s understanding of and interest in that part of history. On another front, the LCSD has also liaised with the Hong Kong Sha Tau Kok Anti-Japanese War Memorial Hall to discuss the feasibility of co-organising activities on the history of the War of Resistance in the future.

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