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Question:

Among the Indicators for Specified Tasks in the 2023 Policy Address, there are the tasks of setting up the Hong Kong Museum of the War of Resistance and Coastal Defence within 2024 and the Chinese Culture Promotion Office under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in the second quarter of 2024. Starting from 2024, the LCSD will organise over 50 activities to promote Chinese culture and history annually, and a major thematic exhibition to showcase the development and achievements of our country annually. A total attendance of more than 700 000 per year are expected for the above initiatives. What are the progress and estimated expenditure of these tasks?

Asked by: Hon LEE Wai-king, Starry (LegCo internal reference no.: 29)

Reply:

The Government plans to table its proposed amendments to the Designation of Museums Order (Cap. 132, section 105G) at the Legislative Council in May 2024 with a view to implementing the conversion of the Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence into the Hong Kong Museum of the War of Resistance and Coastal Defence through negative vetting. The scheduled date of conversion is September 2024. The expenditure involved in the conversion will be absorbed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) through a re-allocation of existing resources.

In addition, the LCSD will set up the Chinese Culture Promotion Office (CCPO) in April 2024 to launch various activities progressively to promote Chinese culture and history, including a "General History of China Exhibition Series" which gives a systematic introduction on Chinese historical development, a Teaching and Learning Series designed for teachers and students, a Community Series targeting all walks of life in the community, different forms of exchange activities on various themes, and a "Chinese Culture Festival" to be held from June to September annually. In response to the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China in 2024, the CCPO will launch the "Exhibition on the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China" at the Hong Kong Science Museum and Hong Kong Museum of History to showcase our country's development and achievements in such domains as culture, sports and science over the years.

In 2024-25, the LCSD will receive additional funding amounting to \$77.8 million for operating the CCPO and implementing the above initiatives.

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