

Art Sub-committee, Museum Advisory Committee

12th Meeting held on 4 December 2023

Summary of Discussion

1. Three-Year Plans of Art Museums and Related Offices Managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

- Members noted the three-year plans of art museums and related offices managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD).
- Members made the following comments or enquiries on the three-year plans:
 - Hoped that the museums could continue publishing exhibition catalogues and other publications so as to share exhibition research results;
 - Suggested that the LCSD should continue to invest resources in the enhancement of online services and experiences as well as their promotion so as to draw domestic, Mainland and overseas partners and audiences back to Hong Kong; and
 - Suggested that the Hong Kong Museum of Art (HKMoA) should highlight the relationship between Hong Kong and any Mainland and overseas exhibition it was holding.
- The LCSD responded as follows:
 - Ways of handling data collected in museum research projects vary with copyright restrictions; and
 - Hong Kong elements have been incorporated into all Mainland and overseas exhibitions at HKMoA since 2019.

2. Setting up Two Museums about Our Country and the War of Resistance, and the Future Development of Museums

- Members noted the setting up of two museums about our country and the War of Resistance, and the future development of museums.

➤ Members made the following comments or enquiries on new developments for the museums, including the setting up of two museums about our country and the War of Resistance:

- Enquired about the scheduled completion date of the museum showcasing the development and achievements of our country (the new museum);
- Suggested that the LCSD should draw reference from the “The Road to Revival” exhibition at the National Museum of China, and hoped for a discussion with the Museum on the possibility of collaboration;
- Suggested that the scale of the new museum should be large, and it should be built at a convenient location;
- Suggested that the LCSD should co-operate with other policy bureaux on the long-term development of the Kau Yi Chau Artificial Islands, and build a transport museum, motor racing circuit and resort to integrate elements of history, culture, sports and tourism;
- Suggested that the LCSD should establish a cluster of cultural and artistic facilities to revitalise the area concerned and promote its development;
- Enquired about the timetable for the construction of the Pop Culture Centre, and whether the exhibition content would include themes of contemporary pop culture; and
- Suggested setting up a children’s museum, and reserving spaces in the newly constructed museum for exhibitions and educational activities for children.

➤ The LCSD responded as follows:

- The LCSD was currently identifying a suitable site for the new museum. In order to prepare for this project, the LCSD had visited relevant museums in the Mainland, and had discussed with those museums the feasibility of collaborative exhibitions in the new museum or existing museums;

- Developing a museum cluster/cultural complex was one of the directions for consideration in the LCSD's museum development plan;
- The LCSD was currently identifying a suitable site for the Pop Culture Centre; and
- The LCSD noted Members' suggestion for establishing new museums. Currently, museums under the LCSD provided facilities and activities suitable for children as far as possible.

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