

Science Sub-committee, Museum Advisory Committee

12th Meeting held on 5 December 2023

Summary of Discussion

1. Three-year Plans of Science Museums and Related Offices managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

- Members noted the three-year plans of science museums and related offices managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD).
- Members made the following comments or enquiries about the three-year plans:
 - Suggested that the Hong Kong Science Museum (HKScM) should educate the public about the importance of recycling from a scientific perspective to facilitate the promotion of the municipal solid waste charging to be implemented next year;
 - Suggested that the HKScM should add a permanent exhibition in the theme of computer science, and establish an acquisition policy on the course of development of science and technology in Hong Kong;
 - Enquired about the target number of collection items of the HKScM and its acquisition approach, and the possibility of collaborating with universities to acquire collections; and
 - Enquired about the concept of HK SciFest, and suggested that the HKScM should promote the achievements of Hong Kong's distinguished scientists, particularly those in applied science, so as to help Hong Kong's young people aware that they could also become scientists one day.
- The LCSD responded as follows:
 - The HKScM could explore the possibility of organising activities relating to the recycling of household waste;
 - The HKScM could consider adding content on computer science-related topics in their exhibitions;
 - The HKScM had an established mechanism for the acquisition of collection items, and had collaborated with universities and other government departments to acquire collection items in the past; and
 - The HKScM was considering showcasing the achievements of Hong Kong scientists in the InnoTech Gallery.

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 about new developments for the museums, including the setting up of two museums about our country and the War of Resistance:
 - Suggested that the LCSD should conduct explanatory work proficiently, particularly in aspects like environmental protection, carbon emission and use of resources;
 - Suggested that museums should increase the use of digital elements, including immersive and interactive exhibits, to attract the younger generation more effectively; and
 - Suggested linking up technology-related locations, such as the Northern Metropolis, tertiary institutions and the Hong Kong Science Park, and compiling a route map accordingly. Consideration could also be given to drawing up recommended technology tour routes for tourists.
- The LCSD responded as follows:
 - The LCSD was open to new ideas and approaches in organising the programmes, and agreed that technology had indeed become embedded in every aspect of life; and
 - The LCSD will identify a suitable land in the Northern Metropolis for setting up museums to promote cultural tourism.

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