
Chapter 7

Youth, Sport, Arts and Culture

Preamble

Young people are precious assets of our society and our future. Our youth development policy will focus on creating opportunities for them and helping them realise their potential, so that they may bring what they have learnt into play and seek advancement. We will continue to partner with relevant NGOs to foster a culture of multi-faceted excellence and offer multiple avenues for young people to pursue their studies, career and interests.

Engaging the Commission on Youth, uniformed groups and NGOs, we aim to enhance our networking with young people, and help them develop positive values and find their own direction and position.

The Government's policy for developing sport in Hong Kong is threefold — to promote sport in the community, to support elite sport, and to maintain Hong Kong as a centre for major international sports events. Underlying this policy is the view that participation in sport contributes significantly to good physical and psychological health, and provides a basis for social interaction and promoting a sense of belonging to the community.

On culture and art, our vision is to develop Hong Kong into an international cultural metropolis with a distinct identity grounded in Chinese traditions and enriched by different cultures. We provide opportunities for wide participation in culture and art, and offer

chances to those with potentials to develop their artistic talents. We support the preservation and promotion of our traditional cultures (including intangible cultural heritage) while encouraging artistic creation and innovation, developing Hong Kong into a prominent hub of cultural exchanges. We will continue to strengthen our cultural software to tie in with the development of the West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD).

New Initiatives

We will:

Youth Development

- Strengthen the dialogue between the Government and young people through additional communication channels, and encourage their participation in public affairs, including the work of government advisory and statutory bodies. (HAB)
- Launch the Youth Development Fund to support NGOs, in the form of matching funds, in helping young people start their own business, and to support NGOs in organising innovative youth development activities not covered by existing schemes. (HAB)
- Organise an integrated online-offline programme to engage primary, secondary and tertiary students in multimedia productions (e.g. campus TV programmes, web videos, e-games, advertisements etc.) to help promote probity messages, including integrity, honesty, fairness, law compliance and self-discipline. (ICAC)
- Set up a youth chapter under the ICAC Club to further enhance the engagement of young people in the anti-corruption cause through participation in ICAC activities or voluntary work. (ICAC)

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- Establish a Junior Police Call Permanent Activity Centre-cum-Integrated Youth Training Camp at Pat Heung under the Police, providing discipline, physical and team-building training for the youth. The Police will also increase the number of school liaison officers at district level. (SB)

Supporting Art Groups

- Launch a \$300 million Art Development Matching Grants Pilot Scheme, under which the amount of private donation and sponsorship secured by eligible local art groups will be matched by grants. It will encourage different sectors of the community to sponsor local art and cultural activities, and help sustain the development of the cultural industry, jazzing up the cultural aura of the city. (HAB)

Promoting Cultural Exchange

- Deploy dedicated staff to the Beijing Office to enhance promotion of cultural exchange and co-operation. (HAB/CMAB)

Civic Affairs

- Launch a territory-wide and large-scale corruption prevention programme to enhance Hong Kong's probity culture by engaging people from different walks of life in a host of community involvement programmes, including slogan design competition, district activities, exhibitions and online-offline activities. (ICAC)

Recreational, Sports and Cultural Facilities

- Implement a pilot scheme to establish angling zones and ancillary facilities in suitable venues under the management of the LCSD to provide the public with a pleasant environment for angling activities. (HAB)
- Provide on a trial basis three self-service library units, one each on Hong Kong Island, in Kowloon and in the New Territories, at locations with heavier pedestrian flow and far from existing libraries. The self-service units will provide round-the-clock services such as borrowing, return, payment and pickup of reserved library materials. (HAB)

Supporting Athletes

- Set up a support platform to provide retired athletes with opportunities to assist in the organisation of sports programmes in schools or support the management of national sports associations, with the aim of facilitating their career planning and laying a good foundation for future development. (HAB)

On-going Initiatives

We are:

Youth Development

- Continuing to expand the Mainland and overseas youth exchange and internship schemes to provide more opportunities for young people to broaden their horizons. (HAB)
- Enhancing communication with young people through district networks, including organising more exchange activities, to encourage their participation in community affairs. (HAB)
- Continuing to provide under the Service Corps programme more opportunities for young people to serve in underprivileged areas in the Mainland. (HAB)
- Continuing to implement the Youth Hostel Scheme. Subject to the progress of various projects, funding approval of the LegCo Finance Committee will be sought in 2016 for taking forward the three projects at Sheung Wan, Tai Po and Yuen Long, and maintaining close liaison with interested NGOs to help them launch new projects as soon as practicable. (HAB)
- Continuing to promote the culture of multi-faceted excellence by implementing the Multi-faceted Excellence Scholarship to fund additional undergraduate places for Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education graduates who excel in sport, art and music as well as community service. (HAB)

- Continuing to take forward the Funding Scheme for Youth Life Planning Activities to support the collaboration between NGOs and secondary schools in organising projects to help students and their parents/teachers better understand life planning and multiple pathways. (HAB)
- Continuing to enhance the promotion of the Working Holiday Scheme between Hong Kong and other economies, and explore the signing of Working Holiday Scheme arrangements with more economies so that more of our young people can enrich their global exposure. (LWB)
- Expanding the Cadet Corps of Auxiliary Medical Service with a view to strengthening youth training in respect of leadership, discipline and team building. (SB)
- Providing recurrent subvention to 11 youth uniformed groups and two NGOs to support their continual provision of diversified development platforms for young people. (HAB)

Youth Volunteers

- Continuing to implement the Hong Kong-United Nations Youth Volunteers Programme with the United Nations Volunteers. (HAB)
- Continuing to encourage young people's participation in voluntary services in Hong Kong and the Mainland. (HAB)

Increasing Sports Facilities

- Continuing to take forward the planning of the Multi-purpose Sports Complex at Kai Tak, carry out relevant pre-construction works and engage the sports community and other stakeholders. (HAB)

Promoting Sport

- Promoting sport in the community by:
 - working with DCs and national sports associations to introduce more sports programmes to suit the needs of people of different age groups and physical fitness levels;
 - liaising with the business sector to sponsor the free attendance of more underprivileged groups at major sports events;
 - strengthening the promotion of major sports events to encourage more spectator participation and promote Hong Kong as a centre of international events;
 - helping national sports associations implement effective feeder systems for early identification of potential elite athletes; and
 - organising events such as the “Sports For All Day” to promote regular and continued participation in sport. (HAB)
- Continuing to implement the Pilot Scheme for Student Athlete Support to provide more opportunities for students from lower income families to take part in sports programmes at school. (HAB)

- Supporting the long-term development of football by providing funding for the Hong Kong Football Association for the implementation of its five-year strategic plan. (HAB)

Supporting Elite Athletes

- Supporting the strategic growth of the Hong Kong Sports Institute as a world-class institution to provide elite athletes with training and all-round support. (HAB)
- Providing support on various fronts for our elite athletes in their preparation for the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games and other major international sports events. (HAB)

Civic Affairs

- Working with the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education to promote civic education outside schools with emphasis on “Respect the Rule of Law, Embrace Different Voices”. For greater social harmony, we urge mutual respect and communication as well as tolerance towards people from diverse cultural backgrounds with different views and perspectives. We also promote the core civic values of upholding the rule of law. (HAB)
- Working with the Commission on Youth, the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education and youth uniformed groups to provide young people with appropriate non-formal education and training. Making use of the Youth Square and the Civic Education Resource Centre to enhance the promotion of youth development and civic education outside schools, including the civic and social participation of young people and national education. (HAB)

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- Working with the Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee and stakeholders to mount a dedicated publicity campaign against gambling problems. (HAB)
 - Continuing to review the Chinese Temples Ordinance, and will take into account the public views in proposing amendments to the ordinance so as to cater for the prevailing circumstances of Chinese temples and their management needs. (HAB)

Supporting Art Groups

- Providing funding and other support for the major performing arts groups to:
 - stage quality performing arts programmes for the community; and
 - exhibit the unique cultural and artistic landscape of Hong Kong through (i) promoting art education and audience building, (ii) supporting and nurturing local talent and art groups, (iii) fostering artistic creation and innovation to enhance the development of performing arts in Hong Kong, and (iv) organising cultural exchange activities overseas and in the Mainland. (HAB)
- Supporting small and medium performing arts groups by:
 - engaging them in the programmes and activities of the LCSD, including (i) year-round cultural presentations, arts festivals and other performing arts programmes, (ii) audience building and art education activities as well as (iii) the Venue Partnership Scheme;

- presenting and promoting their productions in both LCSD and non-LCSD venues; and
 - sponsoring their performances through the provision of free venues, ticketing services, publicity support and/or programme fees. (HAB)
- Providing policy and funding support for the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) to support its work in promoting art development in Hong Kong, including development and provision of art space, and providing funding and other types of support to small and medium art groups. (HAB)
 - Continuing to implement the Arts Capacity Development Funding Scheme to support larger scale and cross-year art and cultural initiatives/projects, and to encourage the community and private sector to sponsor culture and arts. (HAB)

Opening up Art Space

- Supporting the Tai Po District Council and the HKADC to convert the premises of a vacant school in Tai Po into an art centre to provide space for art development. (HAB)
- Reserving a certain portion of floor area in the future development at a site in Aberdeen to provide space for the HKADC to support art development. (HAB)

Grooming Art Talent

- Enhancing measures to strengthen the training and development of art administrators, curators and stage technicians over five years since 2013-14. These include attachment/internship opportunities for young people and scholarships for art professionals to attend training programmes offered by overseas, Mainland and local organisations. (HAB)
- Promoting the work of young and talented art practitioners to overseas, Mainland and local communities through:
 - various performing and visual arts programmes organised by the LCSD; and
 - acquisition and commissioning of local artists' artworks by the LCSD. (HAB)
- Providing funding and policy support for the HKADC to groom local artists practising various art forms by implementing a variety of training and internship schemes. (HAB)

Promoting Art and Cultural Programmes

- Promoting knowledge and appreciation of various art forms through audience building, art education and public art projects organised by the LCSD, the HKADC and other art organisations funded by the Government. (HAB)

- At the district level, (i) lining up quality cultural programmes to support district art festivals, and (ii) launching specially curated entertainment programmes, community cultural events, student performances etc. through the LCSD for audience building and art education. (HAB)

Cultural Facilities, Museums and Libraries

- Continuing to launch major exhibitions and extended educational activities at public museums, and renew their permanent exhibitions for audience building. (HAB)
- Planning and building new cultural facilities to meet community needs, including construction of the East Kowloon Cultural Centre in Ngau Tau Kok, which is scheduled for completion by the end of 2020. (HAB)
- Expanding and renovating the Hong Kong Museum of Art to provide additional gallery space for displaying the works of local and international artists. (HAB)
- Planning and enhancing library facilities and services to meet community needs, and continuing to develop on-line library services for use by the public at any time and place. (HAB)

Intangible Cultural Heritage

- Continuing to enhance the safeguarding of intangible cultural heritage by strengthening various aspects of work, including the identification, documentation, research, preservation, promotion and transmission of such heritage. We will select items of high cultural value and urgent need for preservation from the Hong Kong's intangible cultural heritage inventory for more in-depth study and draw up the representative list of the intangible cultural heritage for Hong Kong. (HAB)
- Promoting knowledge and appreciation of China's intangible cultural heritage through on-going exhibitions and performances organised in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture. (HAB)

West Kowloon Cultural District

- Monitoring the development of art and cultural facilities in WKCD by the WKCD Authority, including:
 - monitoring the planning, design and construction processes and progress for the facilities in WKCD;
 - co-ordinating interface issues of WKCD with the integrated basement, public infrastructure and community facility projects in the vicinity; and
 - co-ordinating the interface between venues in WKCD and other art and cultural venues managed by the Government and its collaborators. (HAB)

- Working closely with the WKCD Authority to enrich people's cultural life through:
 - organising a variety of quality art and cultural programmes to nurture local talent and build audience; and
 - broadening Hong Kong's exchanges with other places in contemporary art, performing arts and visual culture. (HAB)