

MESSAGE

The arts, culture, sport and recreation are an important part of the social fabric of any community. We aim to provide for an environment in which the pursuit of artistic and cultural enrichment as well as the enjoyment of sports and recreational opportunities are a part of the everyday lifestyle of the people of Hong Kong. We also wish to foster professionalism and expertise in these fields, and to nurture creativity and excellence in the arts and sport.



The year 2000 has seen the rapid development of a new structure in the administration of the arts, culture, sport and recreation. On 1 January we established the Leisure and Cultural Services Department to assume overall responsibility for the delivery of cultural and leisure services to the public. Working closely with district-based and SAR-wide consultative and advisory bodies, the Department aims to provide integrated and cost-effective services.

On 1 April the Chief Executive appointed the Culture and Heritage Commission to advise the Government on how best to support Hong Kong's cultural development and the preservation of our heritage. To strengthen professional input and community involvement in the formulation of our policies for sport and the arts, we have expanded the membership of both the Hong Kong Sports Development Board and the Hong Kong Arts Development Council. We now have many of Hong Kong's most dedicated and knowledgeable arts and sports experts serving the public through their membership of these bodies, whose respective activities are central to the SAR's further development in the relevant fields.

Although our new administrative structure for the arts, culture, sport and recreation is still in its infancy, we will seize the opportunities which the new era has presented us. Our vision is to uplift Hong Kong's profile in culture and sport to a level that is commensurate with our position as a world city in the region. On the arts and cultural side, we will seek to

develop partnership with non-government agencies to promote arts for excellence as well as arts for public appreciation. Building on the strength of our being a place where Chinese and Western cultures interact, we will encourage more cultural exchange activities in the years to come while at the same time step up efforts to preserve, and to promote the better understanding of, our local heritage. In sport, the bid initiated by the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China to host the 2006 Asian Games has the full support of the Administration. In this Olympic Games year, we aim in particular to encourage greater public awareness of the benefits of sport and recreation.

The detailed objectives and targets which I have set for the coming year are outlined in the following pages. I welcome views on these initiatives, and indeed on any aspect of our development in the areas of the arts, culture, sport and recreation.



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Arts, Culture, Sport and Recreation

Policy Objective and Key Result Areas

ARTS, CULTURE, SPORT AND RECREATION

Our Policy Objective is to support and promote the development of the arts, culture, sport and recreation as well as preservation of our heritage throughout the community.

Overall Targets

Our targets this year in pursuing this Policy Objective are –

- to maintain an environment in which freedom of expression, diversity, artistic creativity and sporting excellence can flourish
- to make available resources for implementing policies and delivering services related to the arts, heritage preservation, sport and recreation
- to make available a wide choice of arts, heritage, culture, sports and recreational facilities to the community
- to provide resources for the training of professional artists and elite athletes

Progress

On 1 January 2000, the new Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) was set up to assume overall responsibility for the delivery of leisure and cultural services to the public. Its objective is to provide quality leisure and cultural services commensurate with Hong Kong's development as a world-class city and events capital. To achieve this, it has established Customer Liaison Groups at its major venues to obtain direct feedback from its customers on how the service can be improved. LCSD has also taken steps to develop a new culture of customer service amongst its staff through a series of customer service training programmes.

On the arts and culture side, we have continued to provide resources to the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) and Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA) to enable them to deliver services

to promote and develop the arts. We have set up a new high-level Culture and Heritage Commission and have also expanded the membership of the HKADC to strengthen professional and community input.

In the field of sport and recreation, we have continued to provide resources to allow the Hong Kong Sports Development Board (HKSDDB) to promote sport in accordance with its statutory mandate. We have expanded the membership of the HKSDDB to boost the involvement of the non-government sector in formulating sports policy. We provide full support to the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, in its bid for the right to host the 2006 Asian Games. An Asian Games Bid Committee has been established under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary for Administration to facilitate the bidding process. Hong Kong community is behind the bid as demonstrated by the overwhelming support we have received from different sectors of the community. The outcome of the bid will be announced in November 2000.

We have satisfactorily performed in all the Key Result Areas (KRAs) under this Policy Objective. All the initiatives have been completed as scheduled or are making good progress.

We also achieved the following progress in our five KRAs.

1 Review areas where service may be improved

The LCSD has initiated a number of reviews in its daily operations with a view to improving the service to the public. These will be carried through in the coming year. As a result of the Department's efforts in these areas, a number of improvements have been put in place, including the extension of opening hours for museums and study rooms in public libraries. As regards the issue of new library cards, an integrated system has been adopted whereby new applicants can borrow library materials from public libraries in both the New Territories and urban areas.

As regards sport and recreation, we have made good progress in conducting reviews against plan. We have commissioned a consultancy study on the requirements for major new sports and recreation venues, which will be completed by the end of 2000 or early 2001.

2 Maintain sufficient resources to support the development of the arts, heritage, culture, sport and recreation

To maintain sufficient resources to support the development of the arts, culture, sport and recreation, the LCSD has been allocated \$5,093.4 million to meet the recurrent operating and related expenses for the year 2000-2001. In the area of arts and culture, we have allocated \$113.4 million to the HKADC and \$195.9 million to the HKAPA in support of their activities in 1999-2000. Disbursements totalling \$39.9 million have been approved in 1999-2000 under the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) in support of arts projects recommended by the HKADC.

In the area of sport, the HKSDB works closely with the LCSD. In addition to the annual grant to the Board, which is some \$195 million for the current financial year, we have made \$60 million available in one-off grants to support individual initiatives in the HKSDB's strategic plan for sports development.

3 Enhance community involvement in the arts, heritage, culture, recreation and sport

We have secured resources to allow for the upgrading of recreational camps to improve the environment for users and to ensure compliance with safety standards. To ensure the quality of its service, the LCSD has established Customer Liaison Groups at its major venues to obtain direct feedback from the public on how the service can be improved.

In the area of sport and recreation, the LCSD has introduced a series of new programmes to generate community interest in sport and promote community spirit. These include launching a "Healthy Exercise for All" campaign, setting up district football teams and district basketball teams and organising age group competitions on various sports games.

4 Promote a wide choice of arts, heritage, culture, sports and recreational facilities

In the provision of cultural and leisure services, the LCSD aims to promote a wide range of cultural and sports facilities and activities to enrich the quality of life of the community at large. The Shun Lee Tsuen Leisure Centre and the Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence

were opened to the public in February and July 2000 respectively. We plan to open the Hong Kong Film Archive, the Hong Kong Heritage Museum, the Leisure Centre on Sai Wan Ho Reclamation, Lai Chi Kok Park Stage III and the Sam Ka Tsuen Leisure Centre in late 2000, and the Hong Kong Central Library in early 2001. The Antiquities and Monuments Office of the LCSO has carried out archaeological surveys as well as surveys of historical buildings and structures as scheduled. The third and final phase of Hong Kong's first urban heritage trail in Central and Western District will open in late 2000.

We have finalised the programme for the development of new sports and recreational facilities to be built on the four priority landfill sites in Kowloon and the New Territories. We continue to plan new facilities to meet the community's needs.

We have successfully secured a number of vacant Government premises pending redevelopment for temporary use as studios and exhibition space.

5 Support excellence in the arts and sport

We have provided funding for the elite training programme at the Hong Kong Sports Institute, and have allocated a series of one-off grants from the ASDF for individual initiatives aimed at raising the profile of sport and encouraging local athletes. For the first time, Hong Kong athletes took part in the National City Games in 1999, winning medals in athletics and swimming events. We have also allocated \$11 million for our athletes to prepare for the 2000 Olympics and Paralympics.

There were 344 graduates finishing their studies at the HKAPA in 1999-2000. The majority of these graduates are now engaged in performing arts and related technical fields.

Progress on each previously announced initiative under the above KRAs is set out in the "Detailed Progress" section of this report.

Looking Forward

To achieve our overall targets this year, we will undertake the following initiatives and targets under each of the KRAs for the coming year.

1

Review areas where service may be improved

While Hong Kong is well provided with a wide range of arts, cultural, sports and recreational facilities and programmes, there are still areas where particular pursuits are inadequately catered for or where supply fails to match demand. Based on further detailed research and review, we aim to develop strategies geared towards a proper relationship between demand and service availability at all levels.

We will assess our performance in respect of this KRA against the following indicator –

- Percentage of reviews conducted on time and within budget. Our target is to achieve 75%.

We will pursue the following initiatives and targets to deliver results in this area –

Initiative *	Target
Arts, Heritage and Culture	
To review the provision of public library and museum services <i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB)/ Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD))</i>	To commence an overall review on the current library and museum policies and services in 2001 with a view to further enhancing the public library and museum services and better serving the information needs of the community
To plan for the provision of a new performance venue for international events <i>(HAB/Planning and Lands Bureau)</i>	To launch a design competition for development of an integrated arts, cultural and entertainment district at West Kowloon Reclamation before end-2000

* the bracketed information denotes the agency with lead responsibility for the initiative

Initiative	Target
<p>To review the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance to assess its effectiveness in preserving, protecting and promoting our cultural heritage</p> <p><i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To complete the review in 2002</p>
<p>Sport and Recreation</p> <p>To obtain regular feedback from the public in a structured manner on how provision of services may be improved</p> <p><i>(LCSD)</i></p>	<p>To set up Customer Liaison Groups and Work Improvement Teams at major leisure venues in 18 districts by 2001</p>
<p>Public Entertainment Licensing</p> <p>To examine whether the overall structure for entertainment licensing can be streamlined and made more efficient</p> <p><i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To complete a review of the entertainment licensing structure in 2001</p>

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Maintain sufficient resources to support the development of the arts, heritage, culture, sport and recreation

Arts, Heritage and Culture

We have continued to provide resources to the Hong Kong Arts Development Council and the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts. We will continue to monitor closely their funding needs and will provide them with resources to ensure that their functions can be carried out effectively.

Sufficient resources have been provided to the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to support the development of the arts and culture as well as preservation of heritage. The Antiquities and Monuments Office of LCSD, under the guidance of the Antiquities Advisory Board, will direct its resources towards heritage education, preservation and conservation of antiquities and historical monuments as well as conducting archaeological surveys and excavations.

Sport and Recreation

In recent years, the amount of government funding allocated to sport in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region has increased considerably, partly in response to the strategic plan for sport 1996-2000 drawn up by the Hong Kong Sports Development Board (HKSDB). We intend to ensure a consistent supply of funding for the HKSDB's strategic initiatives, and to maintain the capability to respond to additional one-off requests for programme funding through flexible use of the Arts and Sport Development Fund.

As part of its overall efforts to assist the community to enjoy leisure pursuits, the LCSD has provided financial assistance to National Sports Associations and local non-profit-making organisations through the Sports Subsidy Scheme and District Festivals Subsidy Scheme.

We will assess our performance in respect of this KRA against the following indicator –

- Percentage of spending of funds allocated to arts, cultural and sports development programmes. Our target is to spend 80% of the allocation for 2000-2001.

We will pursue the following initiatives and targets to deliver results in this area –

Initiative	Target
Arts, Culture, Sport and Recreation	
To identify alternative sources of funding for major sports and cultural events and projects <i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB))</i>	Within 2001 to draw up a framework for additional financial support for major sports and cultural events
Arts, Heritage and Culture	
To undertake joint processing and research projects with Mainland institutions <i>(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)</i>	To study archaeological materials excavated in Hong Kong as well as local historical buildings and to produce a report on the research findings by end-2001
Sport and Recreation	
To assess the balance of resources required to meet the needs of sports development to the year 2005 <i>(HAB)</i>	To begin within 2001 work on a detailed blueprint for strategic sports development up to the year 2005

Arts, Heritage and Culture

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue to encourage and promote community involvement in the arts and culture through providing both programmes and events venues to induce public participation at all levels. It will appoint panels of experts in various fields, namely community recreation and sport, horticulture and amenities, performing arts, museums and libraries, to advise the Department on the provision of leisure and cultural services. The Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) of LCSD will continue to conduct promotional and educational programmes to heighten awareness of Hong Kong's heritage.

We will continue to provide funding and support to the Hong Kong Arts Development Council and major arts bodies to help promote community involvement in arts and cultural activities.

Sport and Recreation

In sport and recreation, we shall promote new initiatives and improve on current schemes to involve the wider community in more sports and recreational programmes and activities. In so doing, we shall work closely with the District Councils and with the various sports governing bodies under the aegis of the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China.

We will assess our performance in respect of this KRA against the following indicators –

- The number of cultural presentations organised by LCSD. Our target is to organise 2 400 cultural presentations in 2001.
- The number of outdoor entertainment programmes organised by LCSD. Our target is to organise 700 outdoor entertainment programmes in 2001.
- The number of exhibitions held in museums of LCSD. Our target is to hold 60 exhibitions in 2001.

- The number of workshops/seminars/conferences held by AMO. Our target is to hold 27 workshops/seminars/conferences in 2001.
- The number of lectures conducted by AMO. Our target is to conduct 20 lectures in 2001.
- The number of heritage tours conducted by AMO. Our target is to conduct 70 heritage tours in 2001.
- The growth in the number of people participating in organised sports and recreational programmes. Our target is to achieve a growth of 3% in 2001.

We will pursue the following initiatives and targets to deliver results in this area –

Initiative	Target
<p>Arts, Heritage and Culture To preserve the best examples of our local heritage <i>(Home Affairs Bureau)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To sustain our preservation efforts while we are reviewing the existing policy and framework ● To declare at least two monuments in 2001
<p>To introduce a pilot scheme on encouraging schools to participate in cultural visits or events as part of the school's scheduled activities <i>(Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD))</i></p>	<p>To invite in 2001 about 20 schools to designate one day in their school calendar for their students to visit and participate in events taking place at museums, performing arts venues and libraries</p>
<p>To promote the understanding and appreciation of Chinese culture through the presentation of a thematic Chinese arts festival in the autumn of 2001 featuring a variety of programmes in different art forms <i>(LCSD)</i></p>	<p>To organise in 2001 at various venues a three-week arts festival featuring about 80 stage performances, exhibitions, forums, lectures and demonstrations, and other extension and educational activities, with a target audience of 60 000</p>

Initiative	Target
<p>To explore opportunities of involving the private sector and the arts community in the management and provision of programmes at designated civic centres (LCSD)</p>	<p>To further contract out some of the management processes and to introduce artist-in-residence or programme partnership schemes at selected venues on a trial basis in 2001</p>
<p>To promote visual arts and artists to the community so as to raise their awareness and ability of appreciation of visual arts (LCSD)</p>	<p>To establish an Arts Promotion Office in early 2001</p>
<p>To promote the use and awareness of museum services to the public (LCSD)</p>	<p>To organise a three-day museums promotion programme from 18 to 20 May 2001 in celebration of the International Museums Day (18 May)</p>
<p>To carry out a pilot scheme to provide trained guides at historical monuments (LCSD)</p>	<p>To implement the scheme in mid-2001 to help visitors appreciate the monuments and promote public interest in heritage tours</p>
<p>To promote the life-long learning role of the public libraries (LCSD)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To further enhance user education via programmes such as training sessions on the use of Internet and CD-ROM databases in early 2001 ● To publish a library newsletter to further publicise the library services and facilities in early 2001

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To formulate a subject specialisation scheme for the major libraries by mid-2001 ● To plan for the setting up of a business and industry library in the City Hall Public Library in late 2001 ● To further develop the Arts Library into an Arts Resources Centre in early 2001 ● To provide supporting library services for the “Project Springboard” starting October 2000 										
<p>To launch a heritage award scheme in recognition of efforts in heritage preservation and education</p> <p><i>(LCSD)</i></p>	<p>To invite applications for the award in late 2000</p>										
<p>Sport and Recreation</p>											
<p>To promote a sports culture and to encourage greater community-wide participation in sport</p> <p><i>(LCSD)</i></p>	<p>To organise 22 000 events for 1 250 000 participants by the end of 2001</p>										
<p>To improve usage rates at existing public sports and recreational venues</p> <p><i>(LCSD)</i></p>	<p>To achieve the following usage rates by the end of 2001 –</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Indoor games halls</td> <td>60%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tennis courts</td> <td>50%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sports grounds</td> <td>60%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Natural turf pitches</td> <td>90%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Artificial turf pitches</td> <td>70%</td> </tr> </table>	Indoor games halls	60%	Tennis courts	50%	Sports grounds	60%	Natural turf pitches	90%	Artificial turf pitches	70%
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Promote a wide choice of arts, heritage, culture, sports and recreational facilities

Arts, Heritage and Culture

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department will continue to provide a wide range of arts and cultural facilities and activities to cater for the needs of the community. We will work in co-operation with the Hong Kong Arts Development Council and other public bodies in Hong Kong to encourage the display of works of art.

We will continue to declare suitable buildings as monuments and to restore more historical buildings.

Sport and Recreation

Current practice is to aim to provide sports and recreational facilities for the community in accordance with the formulae set out in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines. We will review this practice, with the aim of ensuring that our venues meet the real needs of the public.

We will assess our performance in respect of this KRA against the following indicator –

- The number of new facilities made available to the community. Our target is to make two major new sports or recreational facilities available to the public in 2001.

We will pursue the following initiatives and targets to deliver results in this area –

Initiative	Target
Arts, Heritage and Culture	
To commence establishing resource centres for public use in major museums <i>(Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD))</i>	To open at least one new resource centre as a pilot scheme in 2001

Initiative	Target
<p>To further enhance the information role of and use of IT in public libraries (LCSD)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To open the Hong Kong Central Library in Causeway Bay to provide a comprehensive range of reference, information and library services for Hong Kong in early 2001 ● To set up a digital library system in the Hong Kong Central Library which will provide audio and video on demand, CD-ROM and on-line services and document viewing services. The digital library system, to be extended to all branch libraries and made available for remote access by the general public, is to be completed by early 2001 ● To provide more multi-media computers for CD-ROM and Internet searches in early 2001
<p>To fully restore the Lik Wing Tong Study Hall in Kam Tin, Yuen Long (LCSD)</p>	<p>To complete restoration work in mid-2001</p>
<p>To provide protective measures for a Yuan period kiln discovered in Ha Law Wan, Chek Lap Kok (LCSD)</p>	<p>To complete protective work in late 2001</p>
<p>To fully restore the Tin Hau Temple in Causeway Bay (LCSD)</p>	<p>To begin restoration work in end-2001</p>

Initiative	Target
<p>To fully restore Hau Mei Fung Ancestral Hall in Kam Tsin Tsuen, Sheung Shui (LCSD)</p>	<p>To begin restoration work in end-2001</p>
<p>Sport and Recreation</p>	
<p>To provide a greater choice of sports and recreational venues to the public (LCSD)</p>	<p>To open the following major new facilities in 2001 or 2002 –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 swimming pool complex ● 1 indoor games hall ● 1 water sports centre

Arts and Culture

The Government recognises the importance of fostering and training professional artists. We support the operation of the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA) and provide the Academy with funding to enable it to provide professional training for students of performing arts.

Sport and Recreation

The HKSAR's elite programme for sports training, based at the Hong Kong Sports Institute supports the local sports associations and their athletes through the provision of dedicated coaching and sports science and medicine services. We have continued our funding of this programme, and we will also earmark extra resources to prepare the HKSAR's sportsmen and women for specific major national and international events.

We will assess our performance in respect of this KRA against the following indicators –

- The number of individuals supported by the Hong Kong Sports Development Board (HKSDB). Our target is for HKSDB to support a minimum of 12 individual athletes on the elite training programme outside the Focus Sport scheme in 2001.
- The extent to which resources are made available for the pursuit of excellence in sport. Our target is for HKSDB to make available a minimum of \$60 million in 2001 to the elite training programme.
- The number of HKAPA graduates. Our target is to have 310 graduates completing studies in 2000-2001.
- The number of HKAPA full-time students. Our target is to train 720 full-time students in 2000-2001.

We will pursue the following initiatives and targets to deliver results in this area –

Initiative	Target
<p>Sport and Recreation</p> <p>To provide additional resources to upgrade facilities at the Hong Kong Sports Institute for training Hong Kong athletes</p> <p><i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB))</i></p>	<p>In 2001 to provide grants up to \$10 million from the Arts and Sport Development Fund for athlete training and enhancement of training facilities</p>
<p>To support increased participation by HKSAR athletes in major games</p> <p><i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To provide resources to allow all qualified athletes selected by the relevant authorities to take part in the 2001 East Asian Games and the 2001 All China National Games as well as future major games events</p>

Arts, Culture, Sport and Recreation

Detailed Progress

1

Review areas where service may be improved

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below –

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position +
Arts, Heritage and Culture		
To implement the recommendations in the Consultant's Report on Culture, the Arts, Recreation and Sports Services, including the establishment of a Culture and Heritage Commission (CHC) to advise Government on the overall cultural and heritage policy as well as on funding priorities for culture and the arts <i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB))</i>	To set up a CHC by 1 January 2000 <i>(1999)</i>	The CHC was set up in April 2000. <i>(Action Completed)</i>
To establish a new department to take up the Provisional Municipal Councils' duties in respect of the arts, culture, sport and recreation <i>(HAB)</i>	To establish the new department by 1 January 2000 <i>(1999)</i>	The new Leisure and Cultural Services Department was set up on 1 January 2000. <i>(Action Completed)</i>

* the bracketed information denotes the agency with lead responsibility for the initiative

the bracketed information denotes the year in which the target was set

+ the bracketed information denotes the status of the target

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To pursue the setting of policy objectives in the development of culture in consultation with the CHC</p> <p><i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To consult CHC upon its inception with a view to drawing up a broad policy framework by 2000-2001</p> <p><i>(1999)</i></p>	<p>The CHC, set up in April 2000, will be consulted on the setting of policy objectives in support of cultural development and preservation of heritage in Hong Kong.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To plan for the provision of a new performance venue for international events</p> <p><i>(HAB/Economic Services Bureau)</i></p>	<p>To complete the feasibility study commissioned by the Hong Kong Tourist Association (HKTA) in 1998</p> <p><i>(1998)</i></p>	<p>The feasibility study has been completed. The HKTA finished its Study Report in February 1999.</p> <p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To establish a firm resource and policy making base for heritage preservation in the 21st century</p> <p><i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To include heritage preservation as one of the major indicators for the Sustainable Development System being developed by the Planning Department</p> <p><i>(1998)</i></p>	<p>Two “heritage indicators” have been identified, namely –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Number of recorded archaeological sites; ● Number of recorded historical buildings. <p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To commence a review of the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance to assess its effectiveness in preserving, protecting and promoting our cultural heritage</p> <p><i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To commence the review in 1998</p> <p><i>(1997)</i></p>	<p>The review commenced in December 1998.</p> <p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>Sport and Recreation</p> <p>To study the potential for increasing the usage rate and the revenue generation of the Hong Kong Stadium</p> <p><i>(HAB/Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD))</i></p>	<p>To increase Stadium usage for public events by 10% within three years</p> <p><i>(1999)</i></p>	<p>We have introduced concessionary rates to promote the use of the Stadium by community groups. The usage rate is increasing.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To review booking policy and practice for major sports training facilities</p> <p><i>(HAB/LCSD)</i></p>	<p>To increase booking of major facilities by National Sports Associations (NSAs) for training programmes by 25% within three years</p> <p><i>(1999)</i></p>	<p>More than 20 NSAs have identified venues as HKSAR squad training centres or dedicated venues for training. This will increase usage of venues by the Associations.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To develop proposals for contracting out the management of sports and recreation venues</p> <p><i>(HAB/LCSD)</i></p>	<p>To have one or more facilities managed by outside agencies by 1 January 2001</p> <p><i>(1999)</i></p>	<p>The management of the Indoor Recreation Centre at Butterfly Beach, Tuen Mun has been contracted out as a pilot scheme. We are considering contracting out the management of more venues.</p> <p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To study strategic sports and recreational venue requirements, including the need for a major new stadium in Hong Kong</p> <p><i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To complete the study in 1999-2000</p> <p><i>(1998 and 1997)</i></p>	<p>The study is expected to be completed by the end of 2000.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress: Behind Schedule)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
Public Entertainment Licensing		
<p>To rationalise the regulatory framework for various entertainment licences with a view to making them more user and business-friendly and reducing bureaucratic red tape</p> <p><i>(HAB/Television and Entertainment Licensing Authority)</i></p>	<p>To prepare amending legislation where necessary and, in 1998, to complete the review of the licensing requirements for lotteries, tombola, amusements with prizes and trade promotion competition licences</p> <p><i>(1997)</i></p>	<p>The review of the licensing requirements was completed on schedule in 1998. Further action will be taken in the context of an overall review to rationalise the wider entertainment licensing framework.</p> <p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To facilitate the development of high-quality family entertainment</p> <p><i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To facilitate the development of high-quality family entertainment by reviewing the Amusement Game Centres Ordinance and developing a licensing framework for family entertainment centres</p> <p><i>(1996)</i></p>	<p>Preparatory work for devising a new licensing framework has commenced. Proposals for legislation are being developed.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i></p>

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Maintain sufficient resources to support the development of the arts, heritage, culture, sport and recreation

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below –

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>Arts and Culture</p> <p>To corporatise the three Provisional Urban Council performing companies</p> <p><i>(Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD))</i></p>	<p>To draw up an implementation plan in 2000</p> <p><i>(1999)</i></p>	<p>Three Preparatory Committees have been set up to steer the corporatisation exercise.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To introduce private sector initiatives and to pursue the possibility of contracting out or corporatising some cultural services and venues</p> <p><i>(LCSD)</i></p>	<p>To decide on the type of services to be contracted out or corporatised by end-2000</p> <p><i>(1999)</i></p>	<p>A scoping study was completed in early 2000. The next stage is to conduct further feasibility studies.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To make available resources for new, one-off cultural activities</p> <p><i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB))</i></p>	<p>To allocate up to \$40 million from the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) in 1999-2000</p> <p><i>(1998)</i></p>	<p>In 1999-2000, we had allocated \$39.9 million to the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC).</p> <p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>Through the HKADC, to encourage and sponsor the participation of artists and arts organisations in cultural exchange activities</p> <p><i>(HAB/Hong Kong Arts Development Council)</i></p>	<p>HKADC to conduct relevant research on cultural exchange and formulate a plan by 1999-2000</p> <p><i>(1998)</i></p>	<p>The study commissioned by the HKADC was completed in June 1999 and a report was published in October 1999.</p> <p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>Sport and Recreation</p>	<p>To achieve an increase of up to 50% in 1999-2000 in allocations from the ASDF <i>(1999)</i></p>	<p>The allocation in 1999-2000 increased by 100% over that in 1998-1999. <i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p><i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To allocate up to \$40 million from the ASDF in 1999-2000 to sports projects <i>(1998)</i></p>	<p>As at 30 September 2000, we had provided support totalling about \$36 million to ten projects. <i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p><i>(HAB)</i></p>		

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Enhance community involvement in the arts, heritage, culture, recreation and sport

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below –

Initiative	Target	Present Position
Arts, Heritage and Culture		
To revamp the membership of the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC), with its maximum size to be raised from 22 to 27 to bring in more community input and to address sectoral interests <i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB))</i>	To revamp the membership of HKADC by 1 January 2000 <i>(1999)</i>	The membership of the HKADC has been revamped and increased from 22 to 27 from 1 July 2000. <i>(Action Completed)</i>
To organise an exhibition on Hong Kong's heritage <i>(Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD))</i>	To hold the exhibition from September to December 1999 to highlight Hong Kong's cultural affinity with the Mainland <i>(1999)</i>	The exhibition, complemented by a seminar on the same theme, was held as scheduled. <i>(Action Completed)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To publicise Hong Kong's rich heritage (LCSD)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To organise bi-monthly public lectures to promulgate professional and new developments in heritage conservation. Bi-monthly public lectures to start in April 1999 (1998) ● To publish in 1998, on a quarterly basis, a bulletin to promulgate the latest heritage news and activities in Hong Kong (1997) ● In 1997-1998, to establish and provide support for a group to be named the "Friends of Heritage" (FOH) to cultivate public interest in Hong Kong's cultural heritage. The group will provide a channel for people interested in preserving Hong Kong's heritage to participate in the work of the Antiquities and Monuments Office (1996) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The organisation of bi-monthly lectures has become an on-going programme. (Action Completed) ● The publication of quarterly bulletins on the latest heritage news and activities in Hong Kong has become an on-going programme. (Action Completed) ● The FOH scheme has been established. FOHs are given training in the form of seminars, lectures, guided tours and workshops. (Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To promote Hong Kong's heritage through publicity and education programmes funded by the Lord Wilson Heritage Trust <i>(1995)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-operation with the Trust on heritage publicity and education programmes will continue. <i>(Action Completed)</i>
<p>To consider the implementation of a heritage award scheme in recognition of efforts in heritage preservation and education <i>(LCSD)</i></p>	<p>To complete a feasibility study on the scheme by early 1999 <i>(1998)</i></p>	<p>Feasibility study completed. Details of the scheme are being finalised. <i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>Sport and Recreation</p>		
<p>To enlarge the membership of the Hong Kong Sports Development Board and increase its advisory role <i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To increase the membership of the Board from 13 to 17 before 1 April 2000 <i>(1999)</i></p>	<p>The increase in Board membership took effect on 1 April 2000. <i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To increase the number of training programmes available to the public at selected sports and recreational venues <i>(HAB/LCSD)</i></p>	<p>To provide a minimum of 1 000 new places for entry-level sports training programmes by December 2002 <i>(1999)</i></p>	<p>We are working with local sports governing bodies to increase the number of training places available. <i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To co-ordinate improvements to recreational camps run by non-governmental organisations</p> <p><i>(HAB/LCSD)</i></p>	<p>To ensure that all government-sponsored camps meet statutory fire safety requirements in 2000</p> <p><i>(1998)</i></p>	<p>We have implemented a series of improvements to the camps over the past 12 months. We expect all camps to meet the requirements by the end of 2000.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i></p>

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Promote a wide choice of arts, heritage, culture, sports and recreational facilities

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below –

Initiative	Target	Present Position
Arts, Heritage and Culture		
To establish more heritage trails <i>(Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD))</i>	To establish the Lung Yeuk Tau heritage trail in Fanling by end-2000 <i>(1999)</i>	The trail was opened in late 1999. <i>(Action Completed)</i>
To identify for allocation suitable historical buildings for the use by arts and culture groups <i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB))</i>	To identify three historical buildings by end-2000 <i>(1999)</i>	Several historical buildings are being considered for allocation. <i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i>
To provide protective measures and visitors' facilities at the Wun Yiu kiln site <i>(LCSD)</i>	To provide a new heritage site for local and overseas visitors by end-2000 <i>(1999)</i>	The restoration of one of the historical monuments at the kiln site - Fan Sin Temple - will be completed in late 2000. Other visitors' facilities are being planned. <i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i>
To compile a computerised record of heritage sites in Hong Kong <i>(LCSD)</i>	To complete the compilation by mid-2001 <i>(1999)</i>	Textual data and digitised images are being inputted. The compilation is expected to be completed by mid-2001. <i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To commission consultancies on the restoration and maintenance of historical buildings (LCSD)</p>	<p>To produce guidelines and recommendations on professional standards in the restoration and maintenance of historical buildings (1999)</p>	<p>Guidelines and recommendations are being produced and are expected to be completed by mid-2001. <i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To provide a Centre for Chinese Traditional Theatre in the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA) (HAB)</p>	<p>To secure capital resources for the project to complete in early 2001 (1999)</p>	<p>We have assisted HKAPA in securing \$20 million from the Hong Kong Jockey Club for the construction of a Chinese Traditional Theatre at the HKAPA Campus. The Theatre is now under construction and will be completed by December 2000. <i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To provide protective measures for a Yuan period kiln discovered in Ha Law Wan, Chek Lap Kok (LCSD)</p>	<p>To begin protective work in mid-1999 (1998)</p>	<p>The protective work started in May 1999. <i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To provide full restoration of the Lik Wing Tong Study Hall in Kam Tin, Yuen Long (LCSD)</p>	<p>To begin restoration work in mid-1999 (1998)</p>	<p>The restoration started in June 2000. <i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To establish Hong Kong's first urban heritage trail (LCSD)</p>	<p>In 1997-1998, to establish Hong Kong's first urban heritage trail by linking up some 50 monuments in Central and Western Districts, so as to make the public more aware of and to promote interest in the preservation of our cultural heritage (1996)</p>	<p>The third phase of the trail - Western District and the Peak Route - will open in late 2000. <i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To establish a two-kilometre heritage trail in Kam Tin (LCSD)</p>	<p>To establish a two-kilometre heritage trail in Kam Tin at a cost of \$28 million (1995)</p>	<p>Negotiation with village representatives is still in progress. The access road to the trail is being improved. <i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>Sport and Recreation</p>		
<p>To invite expressions of interest in the use of a number of former landfill sites in the New Territories for public recreational use (HAB/Environmental Protection Department)</p>	<p>To allocate space on former landfills for a minimum of two new sports or recreational facilities by June 2002 (1999)</p>	<p>We have received a number of proposals for use of the landfill sites. <i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To co-ordinate the building of recreational and sports facilities on the four former landfill sites in Jordan Valley, Sai Tso Wan, Tseung Kwan O and Shuen Wan</p> <p><i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To begin construction work on the facilities in 2000</p> <p><i>(1998 and 1996)</i></p>	<p>As at 30 September 2000, we had finalised the scope of the facilities to be built on the four sites and completed the Preliminary Project Feasibility Study Reports for the Sai Tso Wan and Tseung Kwan O Landfills.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To tackle the problem of noise in connection with holding concerts at the Hong Kong Stadium</p> <p><i>(HAB/LCSD)</i></p>	<p>To work closely with the management of the Hong Kong Stadium to find an acceptable solution to the problem of noise for the benefit of the whole community</p> <p><i>(1995)</i></p>	<p>We aim to take steps to evolve proposals in 2001.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i></p>

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below –

Initiative	Target	Present Position
Sport and Recreation		
To develop proposals for improvements to the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) aimed at enhancing the facilities available to top athletes in all sports <i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB)/Hong Kong Sports Development Board (HKSDB))</i>	To increase the usage rate of the HKSI by HKSAR representative squads by 25% within five years <i>(1999)</i>	We have allocated \$1 million to the Hong Kong Sports Development Board to commission a consultancy study on HKSI facilities, with the aim of enhancing their usage rates by HKSAR squads. <i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i>
To provide funding to help prepare athletes for the 1998 Asian Games, the 2000 Olympics and other major championships <i>(HAB/HKSDB)</i>	To support participation of all selected athletes <i>(1998)</i>	In 2000, we provided \$11 million for our athletes to prepare for the 2000 Olympics and Paralympics. <i>(Action Completed)</i>