

## MESSAGE

The coming year presents significant challenges and opportunities as we look to improve the environment for the development of the arts, culture, sport and recreation.

A key challenge will be to raise awareness of the importance of the arts and sport to our overall quality of life. Too often, these areas are regarded as incidental to the development of our people and our society. Although we encourage our children to learn artistic and sporting skills at a young age, these efforts are too easily consigned to the fringes of academic activity once they begin formal education. It is also difficult for those with the potential to achieve excellence in sport and the arts to combine the discipline of training and practice with the demands of the school curriculum. Once in the workforce, the pressures of our jobs make it difficult to devote time to artistic or sporting pursuits.



To enrich the lives of our citizens, we should provide more opportunities for them to enjoy the arts, culture, sport and recreation and to develop their potential and abilities to the full. This Bureau has therefore begun two extensive reviews of our cultural and sports policies to find ways of helping people of all ages to develop and pursue their interest in those areas.

In April 2000, we established the Culture and Heritage Commission to advise Government on policies and funding priorities in the development and promotion of culture and heritage. In March 2001, the Commission published a consultation paper to solicit views on our cultural development. It plans to submit its recommendations to the Chief Executive in 2002.

In April, we established the Sports Policy Review Team to begin work on a strategic blueprint for the further development of sport in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. The team has consulted extensively in the sports field, both in Hong Kong and overseas, and has conducted in-depth research into issues related to sports development, with a view to

proposing future policy directions. We will issue their report for public consultation towards the end of this year. I strongly encourage the public to examine and comment on its conclusions and recommendations.

Should we arrive at a clear public consensus on the directions for culture and sports, I hope to begin work early on drafting strategic policies for these areas, to serve as guiding principles for future development. It is our clear view that Government should not monopolise the running of the arts or sport. That is best left to people in the respective sectors. Rather, our wish is to develop policies that will allow for the better use of public resources in a coherent and effective manner, so that the arts, culture, sport and recreation can flourish and become an integral part of our lives.



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# **Arts, Culture, Sport and Recreation**

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## **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

This year, our targets 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, culture, 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

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) aims to provide quality leisure and cultural services commensurate with Hong Kong's development as a world-class city and events capital. To achieve this, the LCSD has taken steps to develop a new culture of customer service amongst its staff through a series of customer service orientation programmes. It has also established Customer Liaison Groups at its major venues to obtain direct feedback from its customers on how the service can be improved and Work Improvement Teams to enhance the standard of service.

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

(CHC) has identified eight areas (culture and arts education, library services, museum services, heritage preservation, planning of cultural facilities, deployment of resources, cultural exchange and West Kowloon Reclamation Development) as priorities for future deliberations. In March 2001, the CHC published a consultation paper to solicit public views on cultural development in Hong Kong.

In the field of sport and recreation, we have continued to provide resources to allow the Hong Kong Sports Development Board (HKSDB) to promote sport in accordance with its statutory mandate. Although the bid for the right to host the 2006 Asian Games was not successful, it provided us with a useful opportunity to focus closely on the importance of sport to our community and to promote sports culture in the territory.

We also achieved the following progress in our five Key Result Areas (KRAs).

## **1 Review areas where service may be improved**

During the year, the LCSD carried out a number of reviews in its daily operations with a view to improving the service to the public. As a result of the Department's efforts, a number of improvements have been put in place, including the extension of opening hours for museums and study rooms in public libraries. In addition to 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. We will shortly conduct two consultancy studies to formulate a strategic plan for the long-term development of our public library services and for the provision of regional/district cultural and performance facilities in Hong Kong. The heritage preservation policy is under review and our intention is to strengthen the effectiveness in preserving and promoting our valuable historical buildings and archaeological sites.

As regards sport and recreation, we have made good progress in conducting reviews against plan. In June 2001, we completed a consultancy study on the requirements for major new sports and recreation venues. Since its establishment in April 2001, the Sports Policy Review Team has been laying the groundwork for the drafting of a strategic blueprint for sports development. We shall finish the first stage of this review towards the end of 2001. A review of the

booking procedures for recreation venues is in active progress and will be finalised for implementation by 2002. The review aims to realign and simplify the different booking procedures currently in use. We are also conducting a review of fees and charges with a view to achieving consistency with the overall sports policy.

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

The LCSD has been allocated \$5,287.3 million to meet recurrent operating and related expenses for the year 2001-2002. In the area of arts and culture, we have allocated \$102.8 million to the HKADC and \$190.7 million to the HKAPA in support of their activities in 2001-2002. Disbursements totalling \$30.4 million have been approved in 2000-2001 under the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) in support of arts projects recommended by the HKADC.

In the area of sport, an annual grant of \$190.5 million has been allocated to the HKSDB for the current financial year. Disbursements totalling \$24.8 million have been approved in 2000-2001 under the ASDF 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**

Community advisers have been appointed to advise the LCSD on the delivery of services related to cultural programmes and venues. Regular meetings have been held with these advisers to gauge their views on new initiatives and policy reviews. We also work closely with District Councils on the promotion of recreation and sports, and cultural activities in the community.

In the area of cultural services, the Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra, the Hong Kong Dance Company and the Hong Kong Repertory Theatre were corporatised in April 2001. They are now managed by independent boards of directors comprising experts, professionals and community leaders.

In the area of sport and recreation, the LCSD has introduced a series of programmes to generate interest in sport and to promote community spirit. These include the "Healthy Exercise for All" campaign, the

School Sports Programme, Corporate Games, Young Athletes Training Scheme and age group competitions. The Department will also establish community sports clubs and district sports teams. We have secured resources to upgrade recreational camp facilities and to ensure compliance with safety standards.

#### **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 Sam Ka Tsuen Leisure Centre and the Lai Chi Kok Park Stage III were opened to the public in September and November 2000 respectively. The Island East Sports Centre, the Tseung Kwan O Sports Centre and the Tseung Kwan O Swimming Pool were opened to the public in January, March and June 2001 respectively. We plan to open the Quarry Bay Park Phase II (Stage I) and the Promenade and District Open Space at Siu Sai Wan by late 2001. A new sports centre in Luen Wo Hui, a local open space in Tuen Mun Area 44 and the Jordan Valley Playground, Phase II (Stage 2) will be completed and opened for public use in 2002. The Hong Kong Film Archive, the Hong Kong Heritage Museum, and the Sam Ka Tsuen Public Library were opened to the public in November and December 2000, and the Hong Kong Central Library and Tseung Kwan O Public Library in May and July 2001 respectively. The Tin Shui Wai Public Library will be opened for public use soon. The Antiquities and Monuments Office of the LCSD 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 was opened in December 2000.

In consultation with the 18 District Councils, we have formulated a Five-Year Plan of Capital Works Projects to meet community needs. We have finalised programme for the development of new sports and recreational facilities on four landfill sites in Kowloon and the New Territories.

## **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 to raise the profile of sport and encourage local athletes. We have also provided resources to help our athletes prepare for major games. We will take part in the 9th National Games to be held in Guangzhou in November 2001 and the Asian Games in September 2002.

Some 287 graduates finished their studies at the HKAPA in 2000-2001. Most are now engaged in the 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 has yet to match demand. On the basis of further research and review, we aim to develop strategies for achieving a reasonable balance 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 complete all reviews within budget and with no more than a 15% variation in timing.

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

Initiative *	Target
<b>Sport and Recreation</b>	
To provide major new sports and recreation venues to the public ( <i>Home Affairs Bureau</i> )	To plan for the commencement of detailed feasibility studies in 2002-2003 on the technical and financial aspects of –  (a) a new multi-purpose stadium in South East Kowloon; and  (b) a new multi-purpose indoor sports arena in Mei Foo

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

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Target</b>
<p>To provide “Octopus” service to facilitate payment of admission and hiring charges for recreation venues</p> <p><i>(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)</i></p>	<p>To provide “Octopus” service at all public swimming pools and 21 recreation venues by end-2001 and explore the feasibility of extending the service to other recreation facilities such as indoor games halls/indoor recreation centres/sports centres/leisure centres</p>

# 2

## 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. We intend to ensure a consistent supply of funding for the Hong Kong Sports Development Board'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 provides financial assistance to National Sports Associations and local sports organisations through the Sports 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 90% of the allocation for 2001-2002.

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

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Target</b>
<b>Arts, Heritage and Culture</b> To salvage artefacts and to obtain data on local archaeological heritage from threatened sites <i>(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)</i>	To begin rescue excavation in 2002 at Sha Ha Archaeological Site, Sai Kung
<b>Public Entertainment Licensing</b> To streamline the overall structure for entertainment licensing to make it more efficient <i>(Home Affairs Bureau)</i>	To set up a Task Force in 2002-2003 to examine in detail how to establish a Central Licensing Agency for entertainment licensing and to undertake the relevant preparatory work

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue to encourage and promote community involvement in the arts, heritage, culture, recreation and sport through providing both programmes and events venues to induce public participation at all levels. It has appointed panels of experts in various fields, namely community recreation and sport, horticulture and amenities, School Sports Programme, performing arts, museums and libraries, to advise the Department on the provision of leisure and cultural services. It has also worked closely with the District Councils.

### **Arts, Heritage and Culture**

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. The Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) of LCSD will continue to conduct promotional and educational programmes to heighten awareness of Hong Kong's heritage.

### **Sport and Recreation**

In sport and recreation, we will continue to 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 will work closely with the District Councils and with the various National Sports Associations 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 3 000 such presentations in 2002.
- The number of outdoor entertainment programmes organised by LCSD. Our target is to organise 700 such programmes in 2002.
- The number of exhibitions held in LCSD museums. Our target is to hold 65 exhibitions in 2002.

- The number of workshops/seminars/conferences held by AMO. Our target is to hold 27 workshops/seminars/conferences in 2002.
- The number of lectures conducted by AMO. Our target is to conduct 20 lectures in 2002.
- The number of heritage tours conducted by AMO. Our target is to conduct 70 such tours in 2002.
- The growth in the number of people participating in organised sports and recreational programmes. Our target is to achieve 6% growth in 2002.

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

Initiative	Target
<p><b>Arts, Heritage and Culture</b></p> <p>To promote cinematic art in the community, especially to the younger generation, so as to raise their ability of appreciation and to develop their aptitude in film and video production</p> <p><i>(Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD))</i></p>	<p>To organise thematic film and video programme series in 2002 namely “Youth Video Workshop” and “Video Art Leadership Programme”</p>
<p>To arouse public interest in local heritage by publicising the heritage trails on the Internet</p> <p><i>(LCSD)</i></p>	<p>To design a webpage on heritage trails in Hong Kong in 2002</p>
<p>To encourage community involvement in the district heritage guides training scheme</p> <p><i>(LCSD)</i></p>	<p>To recruit volunteers as district heritage guides in 2002</p>

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Target</b>
<b>Sport and Recreation</b> To enhance the promotion of sport in schools ( <i>LCSD</i> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● To launch the School Sports Programme in 2001</li><li>● To provide sports promotion activities for 400 000 students annually with effect from 2002-2003</li></ul>

### **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 also take into account population growth, local demand and usage patterns in order to ensure that our venues meet the 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 three new sports or recreational facilities available to the public in 2002.



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

Initiative	Target
<p><b>Arts, Heritage and Culture</b></p> <p>To preserve the best examples of our local heritage</p> <p><i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB)/ Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To sustain our preservation efforts while we are reviewing the existing policy and framework</li> <li>● To declare at least two monuments in 2002</li> </ul>
<p>To restore Leung Ancestral Hall, Pat Heung, Yuen Long</p> <p><i>(LCSD)</i></p>	<p>To begin restoration work in late 2002</p>
<p>To restore Tin Hau Kung on the Lung Yeuk Tau Heritage Trail</p> <p><i>(LCSD)</i></p>	<p>To begin restoration work in late 2002</p>
<p>To encourage teachers and students to study astronomy and organise astronomical activities</p> <p><i>(LCSD)</i></p>	<p>To set up an Interactive Astronomical Observatory on a site provided by the Hong Kong Observatory in 2002. This project will be jointly organised with the Astronomy Workshop to provide astronomical training for teachers. Participants will be able to use the telescope of the Observatory through the Internet</p>
<p>To further enhance the use of IT in public libraries</p> <p><i>(LCSD)</i></p>	<p>To set up Computers and Information Centres in the District Libraries in phases from 2003</p>

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Target</b>
<b>Sport and Recreation</b> To provide a new training centre for gymnastics at Shun Lee Tsuen Leisure Centre <i>(LCSD)</i>	To set up the new training centre in 2002

**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 Hong Kong Special Administrative Region's (HKSAR) 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 the HKSDB to support a minimum of 10 individual athletes on the elite training programme outside the Focus Sport scheme in 2002.
- The extent to which resources are made available for the pursuit of excellence in sport. Our target is for the HKSDB to make available a minimum of \$60 million in 2002 to the elite training programme.
- The number of HKAPA graduates. Our target is to have 350 graduates completing studies in 2001-2002.
- The number of HKAPA full-time students. Our target is to train 740 full-time students in 2001-2002.



# **Arts, Culture, Sport and Recreation**

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## **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 +
<b>Arts, Heritage and Culture</b>		
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 (2000)	Two Working Groups have been established under the Culture and Heritage Commission (CHC) to review the provision of public library and museum services. <i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i>
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 (2000)	The competition was launched by the Planning and Lands Bureau in April 2001. <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

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Present Position</b>
<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><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p>We have consulted the CHC and the Antiquities Advisory Board on the scope of the review. The next stage is to examine issues in detail and to identify feasible solutions.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i></p>
<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>We have been working closely with the CHC, which issued a public consultation document in March 2001, with a view to formulating a comprehensive strategy for the long-term cultural development of Hong Kong.</p> <p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<b>Sport and Recreation</b>		
<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 (CLGs) and Work Improvement Teams (WITs) at major leisure venues in 18 districts by 2001</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p>In 2000, 36 CLGs were formed at major leisure venues in 18 districts. Eighty WITs were also set up in indoor games halls/ indoor recreation centres/ leisure centres. Arrangements have been made for another 18 district-based CLGs to be formed by December 2001.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i></p>

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Present Position</b>
To study the potential for increasing the usage rate and the revenue generation of the Hong Kong Stadium <i>(HAB/LCSD)</i>	To increase the Stadium usage for public events by 10% within three years <i>(1999)</i>	The number of events held at the Stadium increased from 22 in 1998 to 30 in both 1999 and 2000. <i>(Action Completed)</i>
To review booking policy and practice for major sports training facilities <i>(HAB/LCSD)</i>	To increase booking of major facilities by National Sports Associations for training programmes by 25% within three years <i>(1999)</i>	The number of venues identified as national squad training centres increased from 0 in 1999 to 35 in 2000 and 37 in 2001. <i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i>
To study strategic sports and recreational venue requirements, including the need for a major new stadium in Hong Kong <i>(HAB)</i>	To complete the study in 1999-2000 <i>(1998 and 1997)</i>	The study has been completed. <i>(Action Completed)</i>
<b>Public Entertainment Licensing</b>		
To examine whether the overall structure for entertainment licensing can be streamlined and made more efficient <i>(HAB)</i>	To complete a review of the entertainment licensing structure in 2001 <i>(2000)</i>	The review has been completed. A Task Force will be set up to examine in detail how to establish a Central Licensing Agency for entertainment licensing. <i>(Action Completed)</i>



Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To facilitate the development of high-quality family entertainment <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 <i>(1996)</i></p>	<p>A Regulatory Impact Assessment in respect of the proposed legislation on Family Entertainment Centres has been completed. We are now considering the way forward. <i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i></p>

# 2

## 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
<b>Arts, Culture, Sport and Recreation</b>		
<p>To identify alternative sources of funding for major sports and cultural events and projects</p> <p><i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB))</i></p>	<p>Within 2001 to draw up a framework for additional financial support for major sports and cultural events</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p>We are considering the possibility of using the Arts and Sport Development Fund as an alternative source of funding for major sports and cultural events and projects. The first stage of the sports policy review will include initial recommendation regarding the funding of major sports events.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i></p>
<b>Arts, Heritage and Culture</b>		
<p>To undertake joint processing and research projects with Mainland institutions</p> <p><i>(Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD))</i></p>	<p>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</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p>The Antiquities and Monuments Office is conducting joint studies with some Mainland institutions on archaeological materials excavated in Hong Kong and on selected local historical buildings. We expect to complete the studies in late 2001.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To corporatise the three Provisional Urban Council performing companies <i>(LCSD)</i></p>	<p>To draw up an implementation plan in 2000 <i>(1999)</i></p>	<p>The three performing companies (i.e., Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra, Hong Kong Dance Company and Hong Kong Repertory Theatre) have been corporatised. Three incorporated companies took over these performing companies with effect from 1 April 2001 as scheduled. <i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<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>We have contracted out management of six indoor games halls/indoor recreation centres/sports centres. The Hong Kong Chinese Orchestra, the Hong Kong Dance Company and the Hong Kong Repertory Theatre were corporatised in April 2001. LCSD completed a preliminary study in March 2000 to assess the opportunities for outsourcing. On the recommendation of the study, a consultancy firm was engaged in October 2000 to conduct a feasibility study on opportunities for transferring management processes and functions to the private sector of four selected Community Arts Centres. The consultant submitted its recommendations in May 2001. We are consulting district arts groups, arts community and advisory groups on the consultant's recommendations. A final decision will be made towards end-2001.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress: Behind Schedule)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p><b>Sport and Recreation</b></p> <p>To assess the balance of resources required to meet the needs of sports development to the year 2005</p> <p><i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To begin within 2001 work on a detailed blueprint for strategic sports development up to the year 2005</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p>The Sports Policy Review Team began work on the plan in April 2001.</p> <p><i>(Action Completed)</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
<b>Arts, Heritage and Culture</b>		
<p>To preserve the best examples of our local heritage</p> <p><i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB)/Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD))</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To sustain our preservation efforts while we are reviewing the existing policy and framework</li> <li>To declare at least two monuments in 2001</li> </ul> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Efforts will continue towards preserving the best examples of our heritage through their declaration as monuments.</li> <li>Action to declare two monuments is in progress.</li> </ul> <p><i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To introduce a pilot scheme on encouraging schools to participate in cultural visits or events as part of the school's scheduled activities</p> <p><i>(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><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p>Thirty schools have been selected to take part in the School Culture Day Pilot Scheme. Activities aiming at arousing the interest of students in the arts and culture have been held in LCSD's performing arts venues, libraries and museums in the school year beginning September 2001.</p> <p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<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</p> <p><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> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p>LCSD has made good progress in planning and organisation of the Chinese Arts Festival “Legends of China”. Artists and groups from the Mainland will give performances, workshops and talks on Chinese opera, drama, music and dance. The festival will last for six weeks between 19 October and 2 December 2001 with more than 100 performances and activities. Estimated attendance is about 70 000.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To explore opportunities of involving the private sector and the arts community in the management and provision of programmes at designated civic centres</p> <p><i>(LCSD)</i></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><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p>A Programme Partnership Scheme and Artist-in-Residence Schemes were launched in selected venues in August 2001 to invite proposals from performing groups. Programmes will be staged in early 2002.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To promote visual arts and artists to the community so as to raise their awareness and ability of appreciation of visual arts</p> <p><i>(LCSD)</i></p>	<p>To establish an Arts Promotion Office in early 2001</p> <p><i>(2000)</i></p>	<p>The Arts Promotion Office was established in mid-March 2001.</p> <p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<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) (2000)</p>	<p>The programme took place as planned. (Action Completed)</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 (2000)</p>	<p>The pilot scheme was implemented in July 2001. (Action Completed)</p>
<p>To promote the life-long learning role of the public libraries (LCSD)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To further enhance user education via programmes such as training sessions on the use of Internet and CD-ROM databases in early 2001</li> <li>● To publish a library newsletter to further publicise the library services and facilities in early 2001</li> <li>● To formulate a subject specialisation scheme for the major libraries by mid-2001</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Regular training sessions were introduced in all public libraries in January 2001. (Action Completed)</li> <li>● The first issue of the Library Newsletter was published in March 2001. (Action Completed)</li> <li>● The scheme has been formulated. (Action Completed)</li> </ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● To plan for the setting up of a business and industry library in the City Hall Public Library in late 2001</li> <li>● To further develop the Arts Library into an Arts Resources Centre in early 2001</li> <li>● To provide supporting library services for the “Project Springboard” starting October 2000</li> </ul> <p>(2000)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Planning is in progress. <i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i></li> <li>● The Arts Library (formerly located at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre) was relocated to the Hong Kong Central Library upon its opening on 17 May 2001. It has been developed into an Arts Resources Centre. <i>(Action Completed)</i></li> <li>● The services are being provided on an on-going basis. <i>(Action Completed)</i></li> </ul>
<p>To launch a heritage award scheme in recognition of efforts in heritage preservation and education</p> <p>(LCSD)</p>	<p>To invite applications for the award in late 2000</p> <p>(2000)</p>	<p>Nominations for the award have been invited. The entries will be assessed in October 2001.</p> <p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

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<b>Sport and Recreation</b>																						
<p>To promote a sports culture and to encourage greater community-wide participation in sport (LCSD)</p>	<p>To organise 22 000 events for 1 250 000 participants by end-2001 (2000)</p>	<p>A total of 16 700 events for 950 000 participants were organised between January and September 2001.  (Action in Progress: On Schedule)</p>																				
<p>To improve usage rates at existing public sports and recreational venues (LCSD)</p>	<p>To achieve the following usage rates by end-2001 –</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="404 587 673 884"> <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> <p>(2000)</p>	Indoor games halls	60%	Tennis courts	50%	Sports grounds	60%	Natural turf pitches	90%	Artificial turf pitches	70%	<p>Usage rates achieved as at July 2001 were as follows –</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="710 587 978 884"> <tr> <td>Indoor games halls</td> <td>60%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tennis courts</td> <td>44%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sports grounds</td> <td>62%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Natural turf pitches</td> <td>92%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Artificial turf pitches</td> <td>71%</td> </tr> </table> <p>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</p>	Indoor games halls	60%	Tennis courts	44%	Sports grounds	62%	Natural turf pitches	92%	Artificial turf pitches	71%
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<p>To increase the number of training programmes available to the public at selected sports and recreational venues (HAB/LCSD)</p>	<p>To provide a minimum of 1 000 new places for entry-level sports training programmes by December 2002 (1999)</p>	<p>Five hundred new places for sports training programmes will be available by December 2001. The balance will be met by December 2002.  (Action in Progress: On Schedule)</p>																				

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<p>To co-ordinate improvements to recreational camps run by non-governmental organisations <i>(HAB/LCSD)</i></p>	<p>To ensure that all government-sponsored camps meet statutory fire safety requirements in 2000 <i>(1998)</i></p>	<p>The improvement works for two subvented camps have been completed. The works for other nine camps will be completed by end-2001 and that for the remaining eight camps will be completed by mid-2002. In the meantime, licences under the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Ordinance have been granted to these camps subject to the completion of the necessary improvement works within the time frame stipulated by the Hotel and Guesthouse Accommodation Authority.  <i>(Action in Progress: Behind 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
<b>Arts, Heritage and Culture</b>		
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 <i>(2000)</i>	A resource centre has been opened at the Hong Kong Film Archive. Plans for further centres are being devised. <i>(Action Completed)</i>
To further enhance the information role of and use of IT in public libraries <i>(LCSD)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Hong Kong Central Library was formally opened to the public on 17 May 2001.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 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</li> <li>● To provide more multi-media computers for CD-ROM and Internet searches in early 2001</li> </ul> <p>(2000)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A digital library system with remote access function was developed in early 2001 and installed in the Hong Kong Central Library for public use in May 2001.</li> </ul> <p>Provision of remote access to the general public and other libraries will be completed in phases by October 2001.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We installed 472 such computers in the libraries (including the Hong Kong Central Library) in early 2001. More will be installed as and when required.</li> </ul> <p>(Action Completed)</p>
<p>To fully restore the Lik Wing Tong Study Hall in Kam Tin, Yuen Long</p> <p>(LCSD)</p>	<p>To complete restoration work in mid-2001</p> <p>(2000)</p>	<p>Restoration of the building has been completed.</p> <p>(Action Completed)</p>
<p>To provide protective measures for a Yuan period kiln discovered in Ha Law Wan, Chek Lap Kok</p> <p>(LCSD)</p>	<p>To complete protective work in late 2001</p> <p>(2000)</p>	<p>The design of the protective cover is being prepared.</p> <p>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</p>

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Target</b>	<b>Present Position</b>
To fully restore the Tin Hau Temple in Causeway Bay (LCSD)	To begin restoration work in end-2001 (2000)	Restoration work will start in late 2001 as scheduled. <i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i>
To fully restore Hau Mei Fung Ancestral Hall in Kam Tsin Tsuen, Sheung Shui (LCSD)	To begin restoration work in end-2001 (2000)	We have formulated a conservation plan. Specifications for the restoration are in preparation. <i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i>
To identify for allocation suitable historical buildings for the use by arts and culture groups (Home Affairs Bureau (HAB))	To identify three historical buildings by end-2000 (1999)	We have identified three historical buildings suitable for use by arts and culture groups. <i>(Action Completed)</i>
To provide protective measures and visitors' facilities at the Wun Yiu kiln site (LCSD)	To provide a new heritage site for local and overseas visitors by end-2000 (1999)	We completed the restoration of Fan Sin Temple and Ox-driven grinder in November 2000. <i>(Action Completed)</i>
To compile a computerised record of heritage sites in Hong Kong (LCSD)	To complete the compilation by mid-2001 (1999)	The compilation has been completed. <i>(Action Completed)</i>

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<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>The consultancies have been completed and relevant guidelines produced. <i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To provide a Centre for Chinese Traditional Theatre in the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HAB)</p>	<p>To secure capital resources for the project to complete in early 2001 (1999)</p>	<p>The Theatre was completed on schedule and named “The Hong Kong Jockey Club Millennium Studio”. <i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<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-was opened in December 2000. <i>(Action Completed)</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>Negotiations with the affected village representatives are in progress. The access road to the trail has been improved. <i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p><b>Sport and Recreation</b></p> <p>To provide a greater choice of sports and recreational venues to the public (<i>LCSD</i>)</p>	<p>To open the following major new facilities in 2001 or 2002 –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1 swimming pool complex</li> <li>● 1 indoor games hall</li> <li>● 1 water sports centre</li> </ul> <p>(2000)</p>	<p>The Tseung Kwan O Sports Centre and Swimming Pool were opened for public use on 15 March 2001 and 15 June 2001 respectively. Work on the proposed water sports centre is in progress.</p> <p>(<i>Action in Progress: On Schedule</i>)</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 (<i>HAB/Environmental Protection Department (EPD)</i>)</p>	<p>To allocate space on former landfills for a minimum of two new sports or recreational facilities by June 2002 (1999)</p>	<p>EPD is assessing the expressions of interest received for the first landfill site.</p> <p>(<i>Action in Progress: On Schedule</i>)</p>
<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 (<i>HAB</i>)</p>	<p>To begin construction work on the facilities in 2000 (1998 and 1996)</p>	<p>EPD has begun work on the Sai Tso Wan project, which is expected to be completed by mid-2003. Completion of the facilities at the Tseung Kwan O, Jordan Valley and Shuen Wan Landfills is scheduled for 2003-2004 onwards.</p> <p>(<i>Action in Progress: Behind Schedule</i>)</p>



Initiative	Target	Present Position
<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>The Consultancy Study on Requirements for Major New Sports and Recreation Venues revealed that we must construct a new stadium if we aspire to hosting major international sports events and to develop a sporting culture. Noise restrictions have been identified as one of the principal shortcomings impeding the operation of the Hong Kong Stadium. The existing stadium structure does not allow for the construction of a retractable roof to ameliorate noise impacts. In the meantime, the stadium management has adjusted the angle of the loudspeakers to direct the sound towards the pitch.</p> <p><i>(Action Completed)</i></p>

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Initiative	Target	Present Position
<b>Sport and Recreation</b>		
To provide additional resources to upgrade facilities at the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) for training Hong Kong athletes <i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB))</i>	In 2001 to provide grants up to \$10 million from the Arts and Sport Development Fund for athlete training and enhancement of training facilities <i>(2000)</i>	We are considering applications for the grants. <i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i>
To support increased participation by Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) athletes in major games <i>(HAB)</i>	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 <i>(2000)</i>	We have provided the resources to help our athletes prepare for, and take part in, the East Asia Games which was held in May 2001 and the 9th National Games which will be held in November 2001. <i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i>
To develop proposals for improvements to the HKSI aimed at enhancing the facilities available to top athletes in all sports <i>(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>	The HKSDB is considering the Consultant's final report. <i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i>