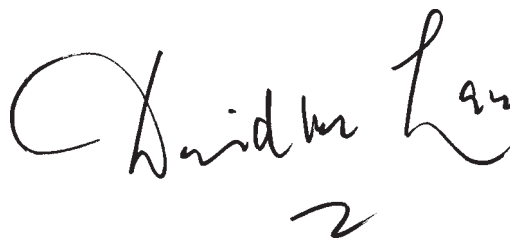


Message

I am pleased to present the Policy Objectives of the Home Affairs Bureau in the area of arts, culture, sport and recreation.

We actively promote the development of, and community participation in, all forms of arts and sports activities. We are committed to providing an environment in which freedom of expression, diversity, artistic creativity and sporting excellence are to flourish. We will continue to work closely with the Antiquities Advisory Board to preserve and conserve Hong Kong's cultural heritage, and promote public interest in it, henceforth helping to develop a sense of belonging in Hong Kong.

These commitments are part of Government's wider effort to improve the quality of life of the whole community. In the coming year, we will examine the need for additional major performance and sports venues to meet the needs of the community. We will also continue to support the strategic plans of the Hong Kong Sports Development Board (HKSDB), the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) and the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA), to strengthen co-operation with the Amateur Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, and to promote the well-being of Hong Kong through sport and artistic endeavours.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David H T Lan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Below the signature is a small, stylized flourish or mark.

(David H T Lan)

Secretary for Home Affairs

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.

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 and sport
- to make available a wide choice of arts, culture, sports and recreational facilities to the community
- to provide resources for the training of professional artists and elite athletes

Key Result Areas (KRAs)

To ensure that this Policy Objective can be achieved, we must deliver results in a number of key areas, that is, we must –

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The following sections of this booklet explain the importance of these KRAs, describe the broad thrust of our efforts, and outline the indicators which we are using to assess progress. Each section lists the new key initiatives being taken to achieve our objectives and pinpoints the agency accountable for each initiative and the specific targets which we intend to meet.

I

Review identified areas of need in service delivery

While Hong Kong is well provided with a wide range of 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.

Indicator

The indicator we will use to measure progress in this area is the conduct of reviews of community needs against plan.

Initiatives

Targets

Arts and Culture

To plan for the provision of a new performance venue for international events

*(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB)/Economic Services Bureau)**

To complete the feasibility study commissioned by the Hong Kong Tourist Association in 1998

* the brackets denote the agency with lead responsibility for the initiative

Initiatives	Targets
<p>Sport</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/Hong Kong Sports Development Board (HKSDB))</i></p>	<p>To complete the study in 1999-2000</p>
<p>To evaluate the needs of the elite sports programme at the Hong Kong Sports Institute for 1999-2001</p> <p><i>(HAB/HKSDB)</i></p>	<p>To fine-tune the structure of the programme by 30 June 1999</p>

II

Maintain a balanced allocation of resources to support arts, cultural heritage and sports policies and delivery infrastructure

Arts and Culture

We closely monitor the funding needs of the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC). We will continue to provide it with resources to ensure that its functions can be carried out effectively and to help it implement the initiatives in its Five-Year Strategic Plan.

The Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO), under the guidance of the Antiquities Advisory Board (AAB), will direct its resources towards the preservation and conservation of antiquities and historical monuments as well as conducting archaeological surveys and excavations.

Sport

In recent years, the amount of government funding allocated to sport in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) 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 (ASDF).

Indicators

The indicators we will use to measure progress in this area are –

- the level of funding which we allocate to arts, cultural and sports development programmes
- the number of arts and sports development programmes and strategic initiatives implemented

Initiatives	Targets
<p>Arts and Culture</p> <p>To make available resources for new, one-off cultural activities <i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB))</i></p>	<p>To allocate up to \$40 million from the ASDF in 1999-2000</p>
<p>To encourage and sponsor, through the HKADC, participation of artists and arts organisations in cultural exchange activities <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>To establish a firm resource and policy making base for heritage preservation in the 21st century by working towards the inclusion of heritage preservation as one of the major indicators for the Sustainable Development System in the 21st Century being developed by the Planning Department <i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To include heritage preservation in the 21st century in the Planning Department's Sustainable Development System</p>

Initiatives	Targets
<p>Sport</p> <p>To maintain a consistent supply of funding for the elite training programme of the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) to ensure the continued viability of the programme for our top athletes <i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To support training in at least 12 different sports at the HKSI in 1999</p>
<p>To maximize use of the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation to support organisations offering recreational facilities <i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To support 50 or more non-governmental organisations in 1998-1999</p>
<p>To make available resources for new, one-off sporting activities <i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To allocate up to \$40 million from the ASDF in 1999-2000 to sports projects</p>



Enhance community involvement in arts, heritage, culture and sporting activities

Arts and Culture

The Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) will continue to conduct promotional and educational programmes. In particular, it will publish a quarterly bulletin to heighten awareness of Hong Kong's heritage.

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

Sport

In sport and recreation, a great deal is done by the two Provisional Municipal Councils and the District Sports Associations to involve the wider community in programmes and activities. Where appropriate we will fund initiatives outside the remit of these bodies, such as improvements to recreation camps run by non-governmental organisations.

Indicators

The indicators we will use to measure progress in this area are –

- the number of seminars and workshop held by AMO
- the number of exhibitions held by AMO
- the number of heritage tours conducted by AMO
- the number of publications issued by AMO
- the growth in the number of people participating in the Hong Kong Sports Development Board programmes

Initiatives	Targets
<p>Arts and Culture</p> <p>To organise bi-monthly public lectures to promulgate professional and new developments in heritage conservation</p> <p><i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB))</i></p>	<p>Bi-monthly public lectures to start in April 1999</p>
<p>To consider the implementation of a heritage award scheme in recognition of efforts in heritage preservation and education</p> <p><i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To complete a feasibility study on the scheme by early 1999</p>
<p>Sport</p> <p>To co-ordinate improvements to recreational camps run by non-governmental organisations</p> <p><i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To ensure that all government-sponsored camps meet statutory fire safety requirements in 2000</p>

IV

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

Arts and Culture

We will work in co-operation with the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) and other public bodies in Hong Kong to promote the work of local artists by making more facilities available.

Sport

The Provisional Municipal Councils have a well-established programme for providing sports and recreational facilities for the community in accordance with the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines. Responsibility for building strategic facilities rests with Government, which also co-ordinates the development of venues built on non-Council sites.

Indicators

The indicators we will use to measure progress in this area are –

- the number of new facilities made available to the community
- the usage rates of cultural, sports and recreational facilities
- the attendance levels at cultural and sporting events

Initiatives	Targets
Arts and Culture	
<p>To identify vacant Government premises which can be allocated for short-term use by artists and arts organisations as studios and rehearsal rooms in consultation with other government departments and HKADC</p> <p><i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB))</i></p>	<p>To provide space in six vacant premises in 1998-1999</p>
<p>To provide protective measures for a Yuan period kiln discovered in Ha Law Wan, Chek Lap Kok</p> <p><i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To begin protective work in mid-1999</p>
<p>To provide full restoration of the Lik Wing Tong Study Hall in Kam Tin, Yuen Long</p> <p><i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To begin restoration work in mid-1999</p>
Sport	
<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>



Arts and Culture

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

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

Indicators

The indicators we will use to measure progress in this area are –

- the number of individuals supported against plan by HKAPA and the Hong Kong Sports Development Board
- the extent to which resources are made available for the pursuit of excellence in the arts and sport
- the number of graduates in the arts
- the number of graduates becoming professional artists
- Hong Kong's representation at national and international sport events
- the success of Hong Kong's athletes in national and international events

Initiatives	Targets
<p>Arts and Culture</p> <p>To support HKAPA to introduce the Traditional Chinese Theatre course</p> <p><i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB)/ Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA))</i></p>	<p>HKAPA plans to introduce the new course in 1999-2000</p>
<p>Sport</p> <p>To provide funding to help prepare athletes for the 1998 Asian Games, the 2000 Olympics and other major championships</p> <p><i>(HAB/Hong Kong Sports Development Board)</i></p>	<p>To support participation of all selected athletes</p>