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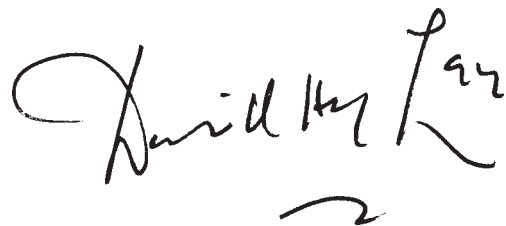
Arts and culture, sport and recreation are vital to a creative, happy and healthy society. They enhance the quality of all our lives, and we in the Home Affairs Bureau are committed to creating an environment in which they can blossom and flourish.

Our ongoing strategy for cultural development is premised on the basic principles of respect for the freedom of creativity and respect for the pluralistic development of the arts. This year, we will seek to achieve better co-ordination and a much increased level of private sector involvement and participation in the provision of services. We will also actively preserve and promote our heritage so as to foster a sense of belonging and a better appreciation of our cultural legacy.

We will continue actively to promote the enjoyment of sport and recreation by encouraging better use of our existing facilities and by building new venues to meet the needs of the public and the aspirations of our sporting community. We will also work with the Hong Kong Sports Development Board to produce a blueprint for the further development of our sporting culture in the early years of the 21st century.

The proposed dissolution of the Provisional Municipal Councils gives us a valuable opportunity to review our current practices. It will also provide a better framework for the allocation of public resources to the development of arts and culture, sport and recreation at all levels throughout the community.

Our vision is to uplift Hong Kong's profile in these fields to a level that is commensurate with our position as the most vibrant and cosmopolitan city in the region. We will work closely with the stakeholders in the arts and sports community (including the Antiquities Advisory Board, the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, the Hong Kong Arts Centre, the Hong Kong Arts Development Council, the Hong Kong Sports Development Board and the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China) to achieve this goal.

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(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 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, culture, sports and recreational facilities to the community
- to provide resources for the training of professional artists and elite athletes

Progress Made

In the field of sport and recreation, we have made progress in meeting our targets. We have continued to provide resources to allow the Hong Kong Sports Development Board (HKSDB) to promote sport in accordance with its statutory mandate. In particular, 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 Arts and Sport Development Fund for individual initiatives aimed at raising the profile of sport and encouraging local athletes. In December 1998, our athletes achieved Hong Kong's best ever result in the Asian Games, winning five gold, six silver and six bronze medals.

As regards arts and culture, we have continued to provide resources to the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) and Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts to enable them to deliver services to promote and develop the arts, and to the Antiquities and Monuments Office to preserve our heritage. We also allocated funds from the Arts and Sport Development Fund to implement the initiatives in the Five-Year Strategic Plan of the HKADC.

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

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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Review areas where service may be improved

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

Progress Made

As regards sport and recreation, we have made good progress in conducting reviews against plan. We are in the process of studying the issue of sports and recreational venue requirements, and are on track to complete our study within 2000. We have reviewed the structure of the elite training programme at the Hong Kong Sports Institute and a total of 13 sports now form the Institute's core Focus Sport programme.

On the arts and culture side, all our planned studies and reviews were on schedule.

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 and Culture		
To plan for the provision of a new performance venue for international events <i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB)/Economic Services Bureau)</i>	To complete the feasibility study commissioned by the Hong Kong Tourist Association (HKTA) in 1998 <i>(1998)</i>	Feasibility study completed. The HKTA finalised its Study Report in February 1999. The findings of the HKTA Study Report are under consideration. <i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</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 establish a firm resource and policy making base for heritage preservation in the 21st century (HAB)</p>	<p>To include heritage preservation as one of the major indicators for the Sustainable Development System being developed by the Planning Department (1998)</p>	<p>We expect to complete a study of the issue by end-1999 and to identify two 'heritage indicators', namely –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Number of recorded archaeological sites; ● Number of recorded cultural and historical sites. <p>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</p>
<p>To commence a review of the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance to assess its effectiveness in preserving, protecting and promoting our cultural heritage (HAB)</p>	<p>To commence the review in 1998 (1997)</p>	<p>The review commenced in December 1998. (Action in Progress: On Schedule)</p>
<p>Sport and Recreation</p>		
<p>To study strategic sports and recreational venue requirements, including the need for a major new stadium in Hong Kong (HAB/Hong Kong Sports Development Board (HKSDB))</p>	<p>To complete the study in 1999-2000 (1998 and 1997)</p>	<p>The study is on target. (Action in Progress: On Schedule)</p>
<p>To evaluate the needs of the elite sports programme at the Hong Kong Sports Institute for 1999-2001 (HAB/HKSDB)</p>	<p>To fine-tune the structure of the programme by 30 June 1999 (1998)</p>	<p>We completed the fine-tuning process in early 1999. The new Focus Sport programme began on 1 April 1999. (Action Completed)</p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>Public Entertainment Licensing</p> <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>(Business Services Promotion Unit/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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● As at 30 September 1999, draft legislation on this issue was under preparation. ● The review of the licensing requirements was completed on schedule in 1998. <p><i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</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>As at 30 September 1999, we had consulted the Home Affairs Panel of the Legislative Council. We had begun to prepare legislation for a licensing framework. And we were examining the overall framework for administering Places of Public Entertainment Licensing.</p> <p><i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i></p>

Looking Forward

In the next 12 months, we will assess our performance in respect of this KRA against the following indicator –

Indicator	1999 Target
Percentage of reviews conducted on time and within budget	To achieve 75%

We will undertake the following initiatives to deliver results in this area –

Initiative	1999 Target
Arts and Culture	
<p>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 policy and on funding priorities for culture and the arts (HAB)</p>	<p>To set up a CHC by 1 January 2000</p>
<p>To establish a new department to take up the Provisional Municipal Councils' duties in respect of the arts, culture, sport and recreation (HAB)</p>	<p>To establish the new department by 1 January 2000</p>
<p>To pursue the setting of policy objectives in the development of culture in consultation with the CHC (HAB)</p>	<p>To consult CHC upon its inception with a view to drawing up a broad policy framework by 2000-2001</p>
Sport and Recreation	
<p>To study the potential for increasing the usage rate and the revenue generation of the Hong Kong Stadium (HAB)</p>	<p>To increase Stadium usage for public events by 10% within three years</p>
<p>To review booking policy and practice for major sports training facilities (HAB)</p>	<p>To increase booking of major facilities by National Sports Associations for training programmes by 25% within three years</p>
<p>To develop proposals for contracting out the management of sports and recreation venues (HAB)</p>	<p>To have one or more facilities managed by outside agencies by 1 January 2001</p>

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

Arts and Culture

There has been a steady increase in resources allocated to the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) and the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA) over the past years. 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.

The Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO), under the guidance of the Antiquities Advisory Board (AAB), 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 (ASDF).

Progress Made

In the area of sport and recreation we have increased the HKSDB's funding allocation to \$200 million, of which a minimum of \$60 million is set aside for supporting the elite training programme at the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI). In addition we have made some \$36 million available in one-off grants to support individual initiatives in the Board's strategic plan for sports development.

In the area of arts and culture, we have allocated \$109.7 million to HKADC and \$195.6 million to HKAPA in support of their activities in 1998-1999. Disbursements totalling \$24.2 million have been approved in 1998-1999 under the ASDF in support of arts projects recommended by the HKADC. The AMO has also been allocated \$14.132 million for preservation of our heritage and for the conduct of archaeological surveys and excavations.

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 and Culture		
To make available resources for new, one-off cultural activities <i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB))</i>	To allocate up to \$40 million from the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) in 1999-2000 <i>(1998)</i>	As at 30 September 1999, we had allocated \$13 million to the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC). <i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i>
Through the HKADC, to encourage and sponsor the participation of artists and arts organisations in cultural exchange activities <i>(HAB/HKADC)</i>	HKADC to conduct relevant research on cultural exchange and formulate a plan by 1999-2000 <i>(1998)</i>	In March 1999, the HKADC commissioned a research project entitled “International Exchange in the Arts”. It will be completed by end-1999. <i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i>
Sport and Recreation		
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>	To support training in at least 12 different sports at the HKSI in 1999 <i>(1998)</i>	We have provided sufficient funding to allow for training in 13 sports in the HKSI elite training programme from 1999-2001. <i>(Action Completed)</i>
To maximise use of the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation to support organisations offering recreational facilities <i>(HAB)</i>	To support 50 or more non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in 1998-1999 <i>(1998)</i>	As at 30 September 1999, the Fund had provided support totalling over \$6 million to some 55 NGO projects. <i>(Action Completed)</i>
To make available resources for new, one-off sporting activities <i>(HAB)</i>	To allocate up to \$40 million from the ASDF in 1999-2000 to sports projects <i>(1998)</i>	As at 30 September 1999, we had provided support totalling over \$6 million to four projects. <i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i>

Looking Forward

In the next 12 months, we will assess our performance in respect of this KRA against the following indicator –

Indicator	1999 Target
Percentage of spending of funds allocated to arts, cultural and sports development programmes	80% of the allocation for 1999-2000

We will undertake the following initiatives to deliver results in this area –

Initiative	1999 Target
Arts and Culture	
To corporatise the three Provisional Urban Council performing companies (HAB)	To draw up an implementation plan in 2000
To introduce private sector initiatives and to pursue the possibility of contracting out or corporatising some cultural services and venues (HAB)	To decide on the type of services to be contracted out or corporatised by end-2000
Sport and Recreation	
To increase the amount of funding available to the Hong Kong Sports Development Board for new one-off pilot schemes (HAB)	To achieve an increase of up to 50% in 1999-2000 in allocations from the ASDF

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

Arts and Culture

The Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) 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 (HKADC) and major arts bodies to help promote community involvement in arts and cultural activities.

Sport and Recreation

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

Progress Made

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. We have helped to promote the image of Hong Kong generally by co-ordinating the HKSAR's involvement in the Kunming Expo 1999. We have assisted Ocean Park's efforts to complete the Giant Panda Project, and to improve its facilities for local and overseas visitors by organising a \$500 million loan to the Park from the Loan Fund for the development of major new attractions to replace the outdated Water World Park.

AMO has organised seminars and workshops, held exhibitions, conducted heritage tours and issued publications to promote community awareness of our heritage. We have effectively completed our targets in this area.

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 publicise Hong Kong's rich heritage <i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB))</i></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 <i>(1998)</i> ● To publish in 1998, on a quarterly basis, a bulletin to promulgate the latest heritage news and activities in Hong Kong <i>(1997)</i> ● To expand the web page of the former Broadcasting, Culture and Sport Bureau in 1998 to offer an additional source of information on Hong Kong's 6 000 years of heritage and to disseminate heritage activities with a view to meeting growing demand and interest <i>(1997)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We held the first lecture in April 1999. Since then we have organised six (including three additional lectures provided by Chinese archaeological experts while participating in large-scale rescue excavation in Ho Chung, Sai Kung) and plan to stage another four by 31 March 2000. <i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i> ● We published four issues in 1998-1999. The seventh edition appeared in October 1999. We expect to publish two more by 31 March 2000. <i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i> ● The web page has been transferred to the homepage of the HAB. We have expanded it to include the relevant information. This will be updated at regular intervals. <i>(Action Completed)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● To distribute an educational and promotional CD-ROM on Hong Kong's Heritage to schools and interested organisations in 1998 to publicise Hong Kong's rich heritage and provide data on all declared monuments and buildings <i>(1997)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We started distribution in May 1999. So far, we have distributed 3 114 copies to a total of 1 427 schools and 44 interested organisations. <i>(Action Completed)</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 (AMO) <i>(1996)</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Our initial recruitment drive attracted 35 members from 63 applications. Between October 1998 and February 1999, we conducted training programmes for them on heritage conservation. In June 1999, we launched a new recruitment drive. So far this has attracted an additional 70 applicants. <i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i>
	<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"> ● In September 1998, to complement the introduction of "local history" into the secondary school curriculum, we issued new information pamphlets on local heritage. Exhibition panels on Hong Kong's heritage are available to schools on loan. <i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To consider the implementation of a heritage award scheme in recognition of efforts in heritage preservation and education (HAB)	To complete a feasibility study on the scheme by early 1999 (1998)	The Antiquities Advisory Board supported the proposed pilot scheme in April 1999. The Board's Education and Publicity Committee discussed the proposals in October with a view to finalising the implementation strategies and details. (Action in Progress: On Schedule)
Sport and Recreation		
To co-ordinate improvements to recreational camps run by non-governmental organisations (HAB)	To ensure that all government-sponsored camps meet statutory fire safety requirements in 2000 (1998)	We have co-ordinated 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. (Action in Progress: On Schedule)

Looking Forward

In the next 12 months, we will assess our performance in respect of this KRA against the following indicators –

Indicator	1999 Target
The number of seminars/conferences held by AMO	To hold two seminars/conferences
The number of workshops held by AMO	To hold ten workshops
The number of heritage exhibitions conducted	To organise 17 exhibitions
The number of heritage tours conducted by AMO	To conduct 75 heritage tours
The number of publications issued by AMO	To issue ten publications

Indicator	1999 Target
The growth in the number of people participating in organised sports and recreational programmes	To achieve a growth of 5%

We will undertake the following initiatives to deliver results in this area –

Initiative	1999 Target
Arts 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 (HAB)	To revamp the membership of HKADC by 1 January 2000
To organise an exhibition on Hong Kong's heritage (HAB)	To hold the exhibition from September to December 1999 to highlight Hong Kong's cultural affinity with the Mainland
Sport and Recreation	
To enlarge the membership of the Hong Kong Sports Development Board and increase its advisory role (HAB)	To increase the membership of the Board from 13 to 17 before 1 April 2000
To increase the number of training programmes available to the public at selected sports and recreational venues (HAB)	To provide a minimum of 1 000 new places for entry-level sports training programmes by December 2002

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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 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

The Provisional Municipal Councils have provided 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. We will also continue to encourage local water sports by maximising the use of existing facilities and developing new ones.

Progress Made

We have completed preparatory studies on facilities to be built on the four priority landfill sites in Kowloon and the New Territories, and a temporary golf driving range has been opened on one of the sites. We shall consider the possibility of seeking noise exemptions to allow a very limited number of musical events to take place at the Hong Kong Stadium.

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

The Antiquities and Monuments Office 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 early 2000.

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 identify vacant Government premises pending redevelopment for short-term use by artists and arts organisations as studios and rehearsal rooms etc. in conjunction with other government departments <i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB))</i></p>	<p>To provide space in six vacant premises in 1998-1999 <i>(1998)</i></p>	<p>We leased six vacant premises in Yau Ma Tei to the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) on short-term tenancies for allocation to artists/arts organisations for temporary use as studios and allocated another to the HKADC for use as temporary exhibition area. We will continue to identify other vacant premises for such purposes in conjunction with the Government Property Agency and Lands Department. <i>(Action Completed)</i></p>
<p>To provide protective measures for a Yuan period kiln discovered in Ha Law Wan, Chek Lap Kok <i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To begin protective work in mid-1999 <i>(1998)</i></p>	<p>In May 1999, we commissioned two specialist consultants to advise and design a small structure with environmental control facilities to protect the kiln. The task was completed in July 1999. We expect construction of the structure to commence in early 2000. <i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i></p>
<p>To provide full restoration of the Lik Wing Tong Study Hall in Kam Tin, Yuen Long <i>(HAB)</i></p>	<p>To begin restoration work in mid-1999 <i>(1998)</i></p>	<p>In June 1999, we commissioned a conservation team from the Mainland to conduct measured drawings for the building. We expect to complete the task in October. Restoration work will commence in December 1999. <i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i></p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
<p>To plan to convert the former Antiquities and Monuments Office (AMO) at Tsim Sha Tsui into a heritage resource centre to promote public awareness of Hong Kong's heritage (HAB)</p>	<p>To convert it in 1998 (1997)</p>	<p>The former AMO reopened as a heritage resource centre in September 1999. (Action Completed)</p>
<p>To establish Hong Kong's first urban heritage trail (HAB)</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 second phase of the trail – covering Sheung Wan District – opened in July 1999. The third phase – covering Western District and the Peak – will open in early 2000. (Action in Progress: On Schedule)</p>
<p>To conduct a territory-wide survey of historical buildings and structures (HAB)</p>	<p>To conduct a territory-wide survey of historical buildings and structures over the next two years with a grant of \$4 million from the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust (1995)</p>	<p>Final survey reports were submitted in August 1999. The survey recorded some 7 000 buildings and structures. (Action Completed)</p>
<p>To conduct a territory-wide archaeological survey (HAB)</p>	<p>To conduct a territory-wide archaeological survey over the next two years to update existing records (1995)</p>	<p>Fieldwork was completed in late 1998 and final survey reports were submitted in September 1999. (Action Completed)</p>

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To establish a two-kilometre heritage trail in Kam Tin (HAB)	To establish a two-kilometre heritage trail in Kam Tin at a cost of \$28 million (1995)	Negotiations with village representatives are still in progress. We will widen the access road to the trail after clearance of a village house that is blocking part of the road. (Action in Progress: On Schedule)
Sport and Recreation		
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 (HAB)	To begin construction work on the facilities in 2000 (1998 and 1996)	As at 30 September 1999, we had completed preparatory studies and estimates of cost for the facilities, and opened a temporary facility on the Shuen Wan landfill. (Action in Progress: On Schedule)
To tackle the problem of noise in connection with holding concerts at the Hong Kong Stadium (HAB)	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 (1995)	We aim to develop firm proposals by the end of 2000. (Action in Progress: On Schedule)

Looking Forward

In the next 12 months, we will assess our performance in respect of this KRA against the following indicators –

Indicator	1999 Target
The number of new facilities made available to the community	From 1 January 2000 we aim to set targets in consultation with the proposed Leisure and Cultural Services Department
The usage rates of cultural, sports and recreational facilities	From 1 January 2000 we aim to set targets in consultation with the proposed Leisure and Cultural Services Department

We will undertake the following initiatives to deliver results in this area –

Initiative	1999 Target
Arts and Culture	
To establish more heritage trails <i>(HAB)</i>	To establish the Lung Yeuk Tau heritage trail in Fanling by end-2000
To identify for allocation suitable historical buildings for the use by arts and culture groups <i>(HAB)</i>	To identify three historical buildings by end of 2000
To provide protective measures and visitors' facilities at the Wun Yiu kiln site <i>(HAB)</i>	To provide a new heritage site for local and overseas visitors by end-2000
To compile a computerised record of heritage sites in Hong Kong <i>(HAB)</i>	To complete the compilation by mid-2001
To commission consultancies on the restoration and maintenance of historical buildings <i>(HAB)</i>	To produce guidelines and recommendations on professional standards in the restoration and maintenance of historical buildings
To provide a Centre for Chinese Traditional Theatre in the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts <i>(HAB)</i>	To secure capital resources for the project to complete in early 2001
Sport and Recreation	
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)</i>	To allocate space on former landfills for a minimum of two new sports or recreational facilities by June 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 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.

Progress Made

Hong Kong's sportsmen and women have achieved a good deal of success in the past year, notably by winning record numbers of medals in the Asian Games, 1998 in Bangkok, the Far East and South Pacific Games in January 1999, and the Special Olympics in June and July 1999 in the USA. At the same time the Hong Kong Sports Development Board has begun a review of its Focus Sport programme with the aim of encouraging excellence across a wider range of sports.

There are 332 graduates finishing their studies at the HKAPA in 1998-1999. The majority of these graduates are now engaged in performing arts and related technical fields. We have effectively achieved our targets this year.

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 and Culture		
To support the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts (HKAPA) to introduce the Traditional Chinese Theatre course <i>(Home Affairs Bureau (HAB)/(HKAPA))</i>	HKAPA plans to introduce the new course in 1999-2000 <i>(1998)</i>	The new course will start in the 1999-2000 school year. <i>(Action Completed)</i>
Sport and Recreation		
To provide funding to help prepare athletes for the 1998 Asian Games, the 2000 Olympics and other major championships <i>(HAB/Hong Kong Sports Development Board (HKSDB))</i>	To support participation of all selected athletes <i>(1998)</i>	In 1998, we provided about \$4 million to enable all 150 athletes selected to participate in the Asian Games in Bangkok. <i>(Action in Progress: On Schedule)</i>

Looking Forward

In the next 12 months, we will assess our performance in respect of this KRA against the following indicators –

Indicator	1999 Target
The number of individuals supported by the HKSDB	HKSDB to support up to 12 individual athletes on the elite training programme outside the Focus Sport scheme
The extent to which resources are made available for the pursuit of excellence in sport	HKSDB to make available a minimum of \$60 million to the elite training programme
The number of HKAPA graduates	To aim at 370 graduates completing studies in 1999-2000
The number of HKAPA full time students	To aim at training 720 full time students in 1999-2000

We will undertake the following initiative to deliver results in this area –

Initiative	1999 Target
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>(HAB/HKSDB)</i>	To increase the usage rate of the HKSI by HKSAR representative squads by 25% within five years