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Clerk to Panel on Home Affairs
Legislative Council Secretariat
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8 Jackson Road
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(Attn: Ms Betty Fong)

Dear Ms Fong,

**LegCo Panel on Home Affairs
Meeting on 14 May 2010**

I refer to Agenda item V on “Strengthening the arts and cultural software of Hong Kong and proposed capital injection into the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF)” of the captioned meeting. Supplementary information on the ASDF as requested by Members is set out below.

- (a) Membership of the advisory committee for advising the Secretary for Home Affairs (SHA) on the apportionment of funds from the arts portion of the ASDF

The advisory committee will be established in the latter half of this year. We are in the process of identifying members for appointment by SHA to the committee which will comprise mainly non-government officials including arts experts. The membership will be announced once the committee is set up.

(b) The estimated amount of the remainder of the arts portion of ASDF for arts and cultural projects

Based on the assumption of an average annual investment return rate of 4% to 5% in the long run, the proposed injection of \$3 billion into the ASDF may generate around \$120 to \$150 million of annual investment proceeds to be shared between the arts and sports portions equally (i.e. \$60 to \$75 million). Following the proposed reservation of an enhanced total provision of around \$30 million annually for the schemes or projects undertaken or recommended by the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC), it is estimated that about \$30 to \$45 million of the investment income will be available to support worthwhile initiatives that will make a contribution to the further development of the arts and culture.

(c) The sponsorship for arts and sports programmes for people with disabilities (PWDs) through the ASDF and the number of beneficiary organisations in the past five years

At present, the arts portion of the ASDF supports primarily the schemes or projects undertaken or recommended by the HKADC under four broad categories, viz. budding grant scheme, support scheme for budding artists, support for small and medium-sized arts groups as well as arts education, arts promotion and community participation. Although disabled arts is not specified in the above categories, over \$1.4 million were allocated through the ASDF to support 11 arts projects organised by two non-governmental organisations for PWDs in the past five years (details at Annex A).

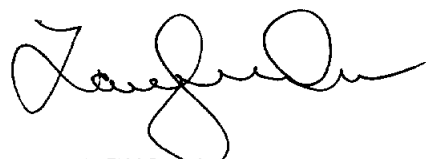
Apart from the ASDF, over \$4 million were provided by the HKADC, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) as well as the Arts Development Fund to support 43 arts projects for PWDs involving 17 organisations during the same period.

On the sports front, about \$5.4 million were allocated under the ASDF for 10 sports projects relating to PWDs in the past five years. The projects were mainly for the preparation of disabled athletes for attending major international or national multi-sports games (five projects) and support for disabled athletes in attending such games (two projects). On three other occasions, funding support was provided for the staging of major local international events for PWDs. The key beneficiary organisations included the Hong Kong Paralympic Committee and Sports Association for the Physically Disabled (HKPC&SAPD) and the Hong Kong Sports Association for the Mentally Handicapped (HKSAM). Details about these projects are at Annex B.

In addition to the ASDF, LCSD also provided around \$38.3 million in subvention to the HKPC&SAPD and HKSAM in the past five years in support of their efforts to promote sport among PWDs and help them achieve excellence in sport.

As regards the statistics on student concessionary tickets provided by subvented arts groups which arises from Members' discussion on "strengthening the arts and cultural software of Hong Kong", we are compiling the requested information in collaboration with the groups and will report to the Panel once ready.

Yours sincerely,



(Gilford LAW)

for Secretary for Home Affairs

**Funding Support to Arts Projects for People with Disabilities
through the Arts and Sport Development Fund (2005-06 to 2009-10)**

| Projects | Beneficiary Organisation | Amount (\$) |
|--|--|--------------------|
| <u>2007-08</u> | | |
| Multi-Project Grant (2008-10) (1) Dancing Sketch (2) Cross all Borders : 3+3 Photo Exhibition (3) Cross all Borders : A Mini Festival of Showcasing New Performing Artists with Disabilities (4) Voices of the Community: Playback Theatre Development Project | Arts With The Disabled Association Hong Kong | 420,000 |
| (5) Arts for Everyone Audience Development Pilot Project | Arts With The Disabled Association Hong Kong | 175,000 |
| Multi-Project Grant (2008-10) (6) The Long Walk (Community Music Project) (7) Silk Road 1 Moth Ball (Community Theatre Project) (8) Wander: A Human Landscape (Community Dance Project) | Asian People's Theatre Festival Society | 500,000 |

| Projects | Beneficiary Organisation | Amount (\$) |
|--|--|------------------|
| <u>2008-09</u> | | |
| Multi-Project Grant (2009-11) (9) Accessible Arts Project (10) Playback Theatre in Integrated Schools - Theatre Education Project (11) "Community and Art" Seminar Series | Arts With The Disabled Association Hong Kong | 354,193 |
| Total | | 1,449,193 |

**Support Provided to Sports Programmes for People with Disabilities through the
Arts and Sport Development Fund (2005-06 to 2009-10)**

| Projects | Beneficiary Organisation | Amount (\$) |
|--|---|--------------------|
| <u>2006-07</u> | | |
| Preparation for athletes attending the 2006 Far East and South Pacific Games | Hong Kong Sports Association for the Mentally Handicapped (HKSAM) | 500,000 |
| Preparation for athletes attending the 2006 Far East and South Pacific Games | Hong Kong Paralympic Committee and Sports Association for the Physically Disabled (HKPC&SAPD) | 488,150 |
| Support for participation in the 7 th All China Games for the Disabled | HKPC&SAPD | 645,650 |
| <u>2007-08</u> | | |
| Support for organising the Law Enforcement Torch Run Final Leg (Hong Kong) of the 2007 Special Olympics World Summer Games | HKSAM | 528,455 |
| Preparation for athletes attending the 2008 Far East and South Pacific Games | HKPC&SAPD | 500,000 |

| Projects | Beneficiary Organisation | Amount (\$) |
|---|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <u>2008-09</u> | | |
| Preparation for athletes attending the 2008 Paralympic Games | Hong Kong China Rowing Association | 100,000 |
| Support for participation in the 2008 Paralympic Games | HKPC&SAPD | 1,161,732 |
| <u>2009-10</u> | | |
| Support for organising the 3 rd Asia and South Pacific Boccia Championships 2009 | HKPC&SAPD | 650,000 |
| Support for organising the 1 st INAS-FID World Indoor Rowing Championships 2009 | HKSAM | 350,000 |
| Preparation for athletes attending the 2010 Asian Para Games | HKPC&SAPD | 500,000 |
| Total | | \$5,423,987 |