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Ms Joanne MAK  
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Legislative Council Complex  
1 Legislative Council Road  
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Hong Kong  
(Fax No. 2509 9055)

Dear Ms MAK,

**Panel on Home Affairs of the Legislative Council  
Follow up to Meeting on 17 February 2016**

At the meeting of the Panel on Home Affairs of the Legislative Council (“LegCo”) on 17 February 2016, Hon WONG Kwok-hing and Hon NG Leung-sing requested the Administration to provide a comparison between the number of admission to each of the 17 museums of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (“LCSD”) before and during the free admission period under the “Appreciate Hong Kong” Campaign and its plans to provide more recreational facilities for the community. I am authorised to respond as follows.

As requested, a comparison between the number of admission to LCSD’s museums before and during the free admission period is attached at **Annex** for reference.

To promote greater participation in sport, we have built new facilities and upgraded existing facilities with a total budgeted cost of over \$10.5 billion from 2011 to early 2016. New projects currently under way include six indoor sports centres/complexes<sup>1</sup> and one artificial turf football pitch<sup>2</sup>. We plan to seek the funding approval of LegCo for the construction of a sports centre with indoor heated swimming pools and an indoor lawn bowling green in Tai Po at an estimated cost of around \$2.2 billion.

In terms of swimming pools and lawn bowl greens, upon completion of the above projects, there will be two additional swimming pool complexes and two additional lawn bowl greens.

As regards photo exhibitions, the exhibition facilities in LCSD's civic centres, Hong Kong Central Library and Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre are open to bookings from all sectors of the community for organising photo exhibitions and various cultural activities.

Yours sincerely,



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for Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

c.c. Secretary for Home Affairs (Attn.: Mr Paul CHENG)

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<sup>1</sup> The six indoor sports centre/complexes under construction are –

- (a) Public Library and Indoor Recreation Centre in Area 3, Yuen Long
- (b) Sports centre, community hall and district library in Area 14B, Sha Tin
- (c) Sports centre in Area 4, Tsing Yi
- (d) Sports centre between Tsuen Wan Park and Tsuen Wan Road, Tsuen Wan
- (e) Government Complex in Area 14 (Siu Lun), Tuen Mun
- (f) Sports centre in Area 24D, Sha Tin

<sup>2</sup> An artificial turf football pitch will be provided upon completion of the project "Open space at Hing Wah Street West, Sham Shui Po".

Annex

**Number of admission to Leisure and Cultural Services Department's  
museums in January 2015 and January 2016**

	<b>January 2015</b>	<b>January 2016</b>
<b>Fee-charging museums</b> <sup>Note</sup>		
HK Museum of History	70 887	101 428
HK Science Museum	54 508	126 372
HK Heritage Museum	60 045	65 340
HK Museum of Coastal Defence	10 012	15 351
Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum	4 887	9 133
<b>Free admission museums</b>		
Law Uk Folk Museum	1 433	1 149
Lei Cheng Uk Han Tomb Museum	3 124	3 437
Fireboat Alexander Grantham Exhibition Gallery	7 451	5 568
Railway Museum	22 870	17 470
Sheung Yiu Folk Museum	4 298	2 700
Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware	18 746	13 615
Sam Tung Uk Museum	8 628	7 573
HK Film Archive	15 503	13 517
Heritage Discovery Centre	16 722	18 316
Ping Shan Tang Clan Gallery	5 200	6 118
Oi!	19 113	17 058
Visual Arts Centre	3 112	6 371
<b>Total</b>	<b>326 539</b>	<b>430 516</b>

Note: Excluding Hong Kong Museum of Art and Hong Kong Space Museum which were closed for renovation during January 2016.