

Progress and Details in respect of the Administration's Implementation of the accepted recommendations in the Cultural and Heritage Commission Policy Recommendation Report (the CHC Report)

The Culture and Heritage Commission put forward a total of 108 recommendations, which cover overall strategies as well as specific implementation strategies. We have accepted 94 recommendations. Details are listed in the Government Response issued in February 2004 (Paper No. WKCD 86). Major recommendations accepted and implemented/ being implemented include :

Hong Kong's Cultural Position

- We accept and recognize that Hong Kong culture has its origin in traditional Chinese culture. Hong Kong people's cultural identity should start from local culture, be grounded in Chinese cultural traditions, and possess a global vision. As a Special Administrative Region of China, Hong Kong should position itself as a metropolis in China, which is most capable of bridging China and the world.

Education in Culture and the Arts

- EMB/HAB provide the policy support for the establishment of schools that focus on culture and the arts. The International Christian Quality Music Secondary and Primary School was opened in September 2003 and a senior secondary school, School of Creativity, operated by the Hong Kong Institute of Contemporary Culture, is planned to open in September 2006.
- Universities have responded positively in taking into account students' achievement in culture and the arts during their admission process.
- The proposed curriculum for the new 3+3 secondary schools provides greater flexibility in introducing a diversified and balanced curriculum in culture and the arts.

LCSD has strengthened its work on arts appreciation and building of young audience.

Cultural Facilities

- LCSD has strengthened the role of public libraries, in particular, the Central Library in becoming a venue for a variety of cultural activities, which gather the public in order to promote the pursuit of knowledge and the love of reading.
- LCSD has been implementing the recommendation to utilize museum space for seeking commercial sponsorship (such as staging community activities, and offering naming rights).
- EMB/HAB have been providing policy support to encourage schools to open up their facilities for cultural activities, to facilitate the provision of cultural and performance facilities in the design of new school premises, and to upgrade community halls/centres for cultural uses.

Review on Resource Deployment and Institutional Framework

- We accept the six principles, namely people-oriented, pluralism, freedom of expression and protection of intellectual property, holistic approach, partnership and community-driven, which underline the recommendations on resource deployment and institutional framework.
- We have set up three committees on performing arts, museum and library in order to allow greater community involvement in matters relating to the provision of cultural services, gradually shifting government's role from that of an "administrator" to a "facilitator".
- We will gradually allocate, through internal redeployment, more resources to the following five areas: heritage conservation, libraries, museums, promotion at district level and raising of professional standard in the provision of different services.

An International Cultural Metropolis

- LCSD is compiling a chronicles of Hong Kong, the “Hong Kong Memories”.
- Since November 2002, we have had five meetings of the Greater Pearl River Delta Cultural Summit. In the past two years, we have concluded Memorandum of Understanding on Cultural Cooperation with five countries, namely the Philippines, Egypt, Singapore, South Korea and Croatia.
- We have been facilitating the development of creative industries in the past two years, and organized / sponsored a number of events to promote creative industries.
- An increasing number of world class artists, performing groups, entertainment shows and exhibitions are taking Hong Kong as an important stop for their international tours.
- The Hong Kong Arts Festival, the Hong Kong International Film Festival and the Film Mart are developing into significant annual events in the international arts calendar.
- We have accepted CHC’s recommendations on West Kowloon Cultural District (WKCD) development and included them in the Invitation for Proposal document on WKCD development.

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