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Panel on Home Affairs

Minutes of meeting
held on Monday, 9 December 2019, at 4:30 pm
in Conference Room 3 of the Legislative Council Complex

- Members present** :
- Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH(Chairman)
 - Hon AU Nok-hin (Deputy Chairman)
 - Hon Claudia MO
 - Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP
 - Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP
 - Hon CHAN Chi-chuen
 - Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, SBS, MH, JP
 - Hon KWOK Wai-keung, JP
 - Hon Christopher CHEUNG Wah-fung, SBS, JP
 - Hon IP Kin-yuen
 - Hon Alvin YEUNG
 - Hon Andrew WAN Siu-kin
 - Hon CHU Hoi-dick
 - Hon Jimmy NG Wing-ka, BBS, JP
 - Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu, JP
 - Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding
 - Hon SHIU Ka-chun
 - Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH
 - Hon YUNG Hoi-yan, JP
 - Dr Hon Pierre CHAN
 - Hon HUI Chi-fung
 - Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP
 - Hon Kenneth LAU Ip-keung, BBS, MH, JP
 - Hon KWONG Chun-yu
 - Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun, MH, JP
 - Hon Tony TSE Wai-chuen, BBS
- Members attending** :
- Dr Hon Helena WONG Pik-wan
 - Hon HO Kai-ming

Members absent : Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS
Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG Chiu-hung
Hon SHIU Ka-fai, JP

Public Officers attending : Item IV

Mr LAU Kong-wah, JP
Secretary for Home Affairs

Mr Paul CHENG Ching-wan
Principal Assistant Secretary for Home Affairs (Recreation and Sport)¹

Hong Kong Sports Institute

Dr Trisha LEAHY, BBS
Chief Executive

Mr Tony CHOI
Deputy Chief Executive

Dr Raymond SO
Director
Elite Training Science & Technology

Ms Monita HO
Associate Director (Estate Office)

Item V

Mr LAU Kong-wah, JP
Secretary for Home Affairs

Mr Edward YU Kin-keung
Principal Assistant Secretary (Recreation and Sport)²

Mr Benjamin HUNG Tak-chuen
Assistant Director (Leisure Services)²
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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Chief Executive Officer (Planning)¹
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Mr Edward TSE Cheong-wo, JP
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Ms Jane AU YEUNG Lai-sze
Senior Project Manager 327
Architectural Services Department

Ms Wendy KWOK Wing-yin
Senior Project Manager 328
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Item VI

Mr LAU Kong-wah, JP
Secretary for Home Affairs

Mrs Angelina CHEUNG FUNG Wing-ping, JP
Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs (2)

Mr Vincent LIU Ming-kwong, JP
Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Mr CHAN Shing-wai
Assistant Director (Heritage and Museums)
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr Edward TSE Cheong-wo, JP
Project Director 3
Architectural Services Department

Mr Henry LOK Wan-pak
Senior Project Manager 333
Architectural Services Department

Clerk in attendance : Ms Joanne MAK
Chief Council Secretary (2) 3

Staff in attendance : Miss Connie AU
Senior Council Secretary (2) 6

Mr Dennis HO
Council Secretary (2) 3

Mrs Fonny TSANG
Legislative Assistant (2) 3

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I. Information paper(s) issued since the last meeting

[LC Paper No. CB(2)335/19-20(01)]

Members noted that a joint letter dated 22 November 2019 from Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki, Hon Dennis KWOK, Hon Alvin YEUNG, Hon Tanya CHAN and Hon Jeremy TAM concerning the impacts of tear gas deployed by the Police to disperse crowds on the community had been issued after the last meeting.

II. Items for discussion at the next meeting

[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)318/19-20(01) and (02)]

2. The Chairman proposed and members agreed that the next regular meeting originally scheduled for 13 January 2020 would be rescheduled to Monday, 20 January 2020, from 10:45 am to 12:45 pm. Members also agreed to discuss the following items proposed by the Administration at the next regular meeting:

- (a) sports and recreation facility projects (amenity complex in Area 103, Ma On Shan - pre-construction activities; redevelopment of Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool Complex; and development of open space at Hoi Fai Road, Tai Kok Tsui); and
- (b) preservation of Hong Kong's film heritage by the Hong Kong Film Archive.

III. Matters arising from the meeting on 3 December 2019

[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)318/19-20(03) to (05)]

3. The Chairman said that at the last Panel meeting on 3 December 2019, three motions were respectively proposed by the Deputy Chairman, Mr LUK Chung-hung and Mr CHAN Chi-chuen under the agenda item "Football development in Hong Kong". Owing to insufficient meeting time, members agreed to deal with the three motions at this meeting.

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4. The Deputy Chairman moved the following motion:

(Translation)

"This Panel requests the Government to introduce the principle of stakeholder engagement in the planning and management of football venues and set up consultative committees with broad stakeholder involvement under the Home Affairs Bureau and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department respectively, so as to promote the development of football in Hong Kong."

5. The Chairman put the motion to vote. The voting result was that eight members voted for the motion, no member voted against it or abstained from voting. The Chairman declared that the motion was passed.

6. Mr LUK Chung-hung moved the following motion:

(Translation)

"Introducing tax concessions to promote football development"

As we can see, the engagement of the business sector is indispensable to the development of football across the globe. It is unfortunate that at present, the local business sector does not have sufficient motivations and incentives to provide sponsorships. This Panel requests the Government to introduce an additional tax allowance and increase the tax allowance rate for enterprises which sponsor the football sport (as well as other sports in addition to football), so as to support the football development."

7. The Chairman put the motion to vote. The voting result was that 12 members voted for the motion, no member voted against it or abstained from voting. The Chairman declared that the motion was passed.

8. Mr CHAN Chi-chuen moved the following motion:

(Translation)

"This Panel requests the Administration to study legalizing the betting on local football matches and allocating part of the proceeds from football betting to local football clubs for football development."

9. The Chairman put the motion to vote. The voting result was that five members voted for the motion, six members voted against it and no member abstained from voting. The Chairman declared that the motion was negated.

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IV. Pre-construction activities for the new facilities building of the Hong Kong Sports Institute

[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)318/19-20(06) and (07)]

10. At the invitation of the Chairman, the Secretary for Home Affairs ("SHA") briefed members on the salient points of the Administration's paper [LC Paper No. CB(2)318/19-20(06)]. With the aid of Powerpoint, the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Sports Institute ("CE/HKSI") briefed members on HKSI's proposal on the pre-construction activities for its new facilities building ("the proposed project").

(Post-meeting note: the presentation materials were issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)367/19-20(01) on 12 December 2019.)

Discussion

11. Mr MA Fung-kwok declared that he was a Director of HKSI. Members in general expressed support for the proposed project. However, some members including Mr MA, Mr LEUNG Che-cheung and Mr Vincent CHENG were concerned whether or not the proposed new facilities building could adequately cater for the long-term development of elite sports in Hong Kong. In particular, they noted that although HKSI had completed a redevelopment project in 2014, its facilities were in need of upgrading again in just a few years' time. They suggested that HKSI should take into consideration the development of elite sports in Hong Kong over a longer term of say 10 to 15 years when planning for the proposed new facilities building.

12. SHA and CE/HKSI responded that the pace of elite sports development in Hong Kong was faster than expected in recent years. Not only the total number of athletes at HKSI had almost doubled from 651 in 2007-2008 to around 1 300 in 2018-2019, but also the number of elite sports had increased considerably. Due to a corresponding increase in the demand for its training facilities and support services, HKSI found it necessary to further upgrade and add appropriate facilities to help Hong Kong athletes continue to strive for outstanding results in honour of Hong Kong. The views of stakeholders in the sports sector had been sought in respect of the proposed new facilities building. SHA added that the Administration and HKSI would conduct a comprehensive review on the development of elite sports in Hong Kong periodically and, particularly, after each summer Olympic Games.

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13. Mr Tony TSE suggested that HKSI should conduct an overall review on the existing usage of its site in order to identify possible options for further expansion. He said that consideration might be given to providing some of its facilities in the basement and exploring alternative use of the space for car parking. Mr Christopher CHEUNG suggested that HKSI should consider constructing a taller new facilities building to cater for the training needs of an ever increasing number of elite athletes. Mr MA Fung-kwok said that as the training venues to be provided in the proposed new facilities building were multi-functional, he hoped that the Administration would consider providing an additional site to HKSI in the long run so that specialized training facilities could be provided for individual sports. He also expressed concern about the shortage of athletes' hostels at HKSI. Mr CHEUNG enquired if measures would be implemented at HKSI to mitigate the facilities shortage problem pending the completion of the proposed new facilities building.

14. CE/HKSI responded that the proposed new facilities building would be four-storey high, which was of similar height to the neighbouring swimming complex at HKSI. She explained that as different sports would continue to enter and leave the elite sports system due to their performance in the international arena, any development of new training facilities should be multi-functional. With regard to the accommodation for athletes, CE/HKSI said that the 185-room athletes' hostel had reached its capacity in 2018-2019. To address the shortage of hostel rooms for athletes, HKSI had converted 26 rooms from the 74-room guest accommodation at the sports residence for hostel use and converted some 2-person rooms for use by three junior athletes. The proposed new facilities building would provide a 40-room guest residence and upon its completion, the remaining rooms of the existing sports residence would be converted for hostel use when required. CE/HKSI said that HKSI would keep in view demands for athletes' hostel and would consider the longer term expansion of its facilities in a holistic manner when needed. The views expressed by members would be taken into consideration where appropriate. The Chairman hoped that HKSI would provide more information on how it would deal with its future expansion needs when the proposed project was submitted to the Public Works Subcommittee ("PWSC") for consideration.

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15. The Deputy Chairman asked whether it was possible to open up the training facilities of HKSI to non-elite athletes. CE/HKSI responded that due to the high utilization of HKSI's training facilities for elite training programmes by HKSI athletes (average utilization was about 80%), it would be difficult to open up the facilities to non-elite athletes. However, HKSI would conduct a variety of community engagement activities including the

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annual open day to let the public understand the works of HKSI.

16. Mr Vincent CHENG, Mr SHIU Ka-chun and Mr Kenneth LAU shared a similar view that the support on sports science and sports medicine was increasingly important to enhancing the performance of elite athletes and avoiding injuries. They called on HKSI to provide enhanced support to athletes in this regard. Mr SHIU enquired if doctors and psychologists would be available in the proposed new facilities building to provide support services to the athletes.

17. CE/HKSI responded that support on sports science and sports medicine was crucial to improving the performance of the top athletes and increasing their chances of winning medals in major international games. She said that the existing sports complex, which was originally built some 40 years ago, had restricted the introduction of facilities related to sports science and sports medicine due to constraints in its structure. The proposed new facilities building would be able to meet the spacing and building requirements of the sports science and sports medicine facilities. Psychologists would relocate to the proposed new facilities building upon its completion to provide psychological services to the athletes.

18. The Director of Elite Training Science & Technology, HKSI ("Director/HKSI") said that HKSI had been collaborating with various universities and local public research institutes to enhance the performance of athletes through technological means (e.g. the sportswear of the Hong Kong rowing team was designed by the Hong Kong Research Institute of Textile and Apparel; and HKSI had joined hands with the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology in launching the Sports Aerodynamics Science Initiative to enhance the performance of elite cyclist).

19. Mr SHIU Ka-chun expressed concern that some athletes had complained about the lack of team doctors(s) to provide medical support to the Hong Kong athletes during the previous winter Olympic Games. CE/HKSI responded that the number of supporting personnel allowed in the Hong Kong delegation for each major games was prescribed by the International Olympic Committee. Director/HKSI added that in order to provide better support to athletes competing in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, HKSI would set up a "support house" near the Olympic Village to provide on-site support in sports science and sports medicine to the Hong Kong athletes.

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20. Mr Alvin YEUNG sought information on the total project cost and the timeline for implementation of the proposed new facilities building. SHA responded that subject to the funding approval by the Finance Committee, HKSI planned to commence the pre-construction activities in the second quarter of 2020 for completion in the third quarter of 2022. CE/HKSI said that the estimated cost of the pre-construction activities was around \$54.7 million in money-of-the-day prices while the construction cost of the proposed project was preliminarily estimated to be about \$850 million (subject to adjustment). SHA said that the Administration would seek funding approval for construction of the proposed new facilities building after the pre-construction activities had been substantially completed.

21. After discussion, the Chairman concluded that members supported the submission of the proposed project to PWSC for consideration.

V. Sports and recreation facility improvement projects (construction of a footbridge with lift tower to connect the Ap Lei Chau Wind Tower Park and the Ap Lei Chau Estate; and provision of heated pool at the Pao Yue Kong Swimming Pool Complex in the Southern District)

[LC Paper No. CB(2)318/19-20(08)]

22. At the invitation of the Chairman, SHA briefed members on the salient points of the Administration's paper [LC Paper No. CB(2)318/19-20(08)].

Discussion

Proposed construction of a footbridge with lift tower in Ap Lei Chau

23. Members in general expressed support for the proposed construction of a footbridge with lift tower to connect the Ap Lei Chau Wind Tower Park and the Ap Lei Chau Estate ("the proposed footbridge project"). Mr KWOK Wai-keung considered that the Ap Lei Chau Wind Tower Park was an iconic attraction in the Southern District and the Administration should expedite the implementation of the proposed footbridge project to enhance the accessibility of the Park. Ms Claudia MO noted that the District Facilities Management Committee of the Southern District Council ("DC") was already consulted on the proposed footbridge project in July 2013. She asked why it was only submitted to the Legislative Council ("LegCo") now.

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24. SHA explained that given the large number of capital works project proposals pending funding approval, the relevant funding applications had to be submitted to LegCo in an orderly manner in line with the relevant procedures. In reply to Ms Claudia MO's enquiry, Project Director 3 of Architectural Services Department ("PD 3/ArchSD") said that the lift tower in the the proposed footbridge project would be served by two lifts fitted with barrier-free provisions.

Proposed provision of heated pool at the Pao Yue Kong Swimming Pool Complex

25. Members in general expressed support for the proposed provision of heated pool at the Pao Yue Kong Swimming Pool Complex ("PYKSPC") in the Southern District ("the proposed heated pool project"). The Deputy Chairman suggested that the vehicular ingress/egress for the project site should not be situated on Shum Wan Road to avoid obstructing the heavy local traffic. He also suggested that the Administration should consider modifying the entrance area of PYKSPC to make room for the traffic on Shum Wan Road and to accommodate other facilities, such as a mobile library. To benefit the local community, the Deputy Chairman considered that the toilets of PYKSPC near the Shum Wan Road Sitting-out Area could be opened up for free public access. Besides, certain areas in PYKSPC could be opened up for use by the public or rented out to DC members. He also suggested that the local community could be engaged to create murals to give a new look to the facades of PYKSPC.

26. Assistant Director (Leisure Services)2 of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department ("AD(LS)2/LCSD") undertook to consider the Deputy Chairman's suggestions regarding the design of the entrance area and the access of the toilets of PYKSPC. PD 3/ArchSD clarified that the construction vehicular ingress/egress for the project site would be situated on Welfare Road. In response to Mr Vincent CHENG's enquiry, PD 3/ArchSD said that the scope of the proposed heated pool project included the modification of the existing secondary swimming pool of PYKSPC into a covered indoor heated pool, provision of a passageway with heating facilities connecting the existing changing rooms and the new indoor heated pool, as well as provision of heating facilities and face-lifting the existing changing rooms and toilets, etc.

27. The Deputy Chairman took the view that the Administration should consider lowering the height of the proposed new indoor heated pool building to minimize the visual and environmental impacts. AD(LS)2/LCSD explained that the proposed building was situated in a

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low-lying area and the bottom levels of the adjacent Jumbo Court on Welfare Road were used as a car park. Therefore, the proposed building would unlikely become an eyesore to nearby residents. The Chairman requested the Administration to provide information to justify the height of the proposed new indoor heated pool building in the funding proposal to be submitted to PWSC.

28. Mr Wilson OR and Mr CHAN Chi-chuen urged the Administration to make every effort to maintain a reasonable temperature range for the water of the proposed indoor heated pool. AD(LS)2/LCSD and PD 3/ArchSD explained that the Administration would strive to ensure that the pool water temperature would be maintained within the range of 26 °C-28 °C using boilers, heat pumps and solar-powered generators and with the technical support provided by relevant government departments. In response to Mr CHAN's further enquiries, PD 3/ArchSD said that the proposed heated passageway would be around 1 °C warmer than the pool water. The Administration would consider retrofitting heating facilities at other older public swimming pool complexes as necessary.

29. Mr LUK Chung-hung and Mr CHAN Chi-chuen expressed concern that some public swimming pools had to be closed from time to time due to manpower shortage of lifeguards. They urged the Administration to ensure adequate supply of lifeguards for the proposed indoor heated pool, so that it would be open all year round. Mr LUK asked whether the Administration had plans to increase the staffing establishment and strength of civil service lifeguards. He also called on the Administration to conduct a grade structure review ("GSR") to introduce a separate grade for civil service lifeguards, which were currently under the Artisan grade, and improve their remuneration packages. AD(LS)2/LCSD said that the Administration had already implemented various measures to ensure adequate supply of lifeguards for its public swimming pools. The Administration considered that civil service lifeguards did not meet the criteria for having a GSR at the present stage. That said, the Administration would keep the scope of duties of lifeguards under review.

30. Mr KWOK Wai-keung suggested an MTR Fare Saver reader should be installed at PYKSPC to replace the one at the Marina Office Tower, which was further away from Wong Chuk Hang Station, so as to facilitate local residents. SHA undertook to relay Mr KWOK's suggestion to the relevant policy bureau for consideration. In reply to Mr MA Fung-kwok's enquiry, SHA advised that the proposed heated pool project was one of the 26 projects committed under the Five-year Plan for Sports and Recreation Facilities ("Five-year Plan") to be submitted to LegCo for funding approval.

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So far, the Finance Committee had approved funding proposals for 10 projects under the Five-year Plan. The Administration aimed to submit the funding applications for the remaining projects to LegCo in phases by 2022.

Other issues

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31. Mr Christopher CHEUNG and Mr Vincent CHENG considered that the Administration's paper [LC Paper No. CB(2)318/19-20(08)] under discussion was rather brief and more details should have been included. SHA said that more details (e.g. the costs of other similar projects such as the Morse Park Swimming Pool Complex) and justifications of the proposed heated pool project would be provided in the funding submission to PWSC.

32. After discussion, the Chairman concluded that members raised no objection to the submission of the two proposed projects to PWSC for consideration.

VI. Pre-construction activities for expansion of Hong Kong Science Museum and Hong Kong Museum of History
[LC Paper Nos. CB(2)318/19-20(09) and (10)]

33. At the invitation of the Chairman and with the aid of Powerpoint, SHA briefed members on the salient points of the Administration's paper [LC Paper No. CB(2)318/19-20(09)].

(Post-meeting note: The Powerpoint presentation materials were issued to members vide LC Paper No. CB(2)367/19-20(02) on 10 December 2019.)

Discussion

34. Members in general expressed support for the pre-construction activities for the proposed expansion of the Hong Kong Science Museum ("HKScM") and the Hong Kong Museum of History ("HKMH"). Mr Vincent CHENG sought details of the contents of the proposed new exhibition galleries in the expansion project. Mr LUK Chung-hung suggested that the Administration should conduct focus groups with various stakeholders (such as the education sector, parents and local residents) to gauge their views on the contents of the new exhibition galleries.

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35. SHA said that the proposed scope of the pre-construction activities of the expansion project included the design work for the expansion which comprised the construction of annex buildings with new facilities for HKScM and HKMH. Following the completion of the above design work, the Administration would then finalize the contents of the new exhibition galleries after consulting Members, the local community and other stakeholders. In response to the Deputy Chairman's enquiries, the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services ("DLCS") said that the Administration would also seek advice on the contents of the new exhibition galleries from experts from various universities, the Museum Advisory Committee and its subcommittees. Besides, the Administration would review the variety of souvenir items on sale at the museum gift shops in light of public and Members' views. DLCS added that whether the operation of the gift shops would be outsourced would be decided in due course.

36. Mr Vincent CHENG and Dr Helena WONG shared the view that when conducting the design work for the proposed expansion, the Administration should seek to enhance the pedestrian accessibility of HKScM and HKMH from the heart of Tsim Sha Tsui by improving the pedestrian circulation of the Granville Road footbridge. Dr WONG also considered that members of the public should be allowed to walk through the campus grounds of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University to access the museums. SHA undertook to relay these views to the relevant bureaux/departments for consideration.

37. In response to Dr Helena WONG's enquiry on the provision of car parking facilities, DLCS advised that hourly parking spaces for private cars were abundant in the vicinity of the museums. Five nearby car parks already provided more than 1 000 hourly parking spaces, with 30%-40% of these spaces still vacant during peak hours. Therefore, the Administration had no plan to provide extra hourly parking spaces for private cars for visitors' use. That said, there would be ancillary parking spaces to meet the operational needs of the museums.

38. Mr Alvin YEUNG noted that the existing open space in the forecourt of HKScM and HKMH would be used for the proposed expansion project. He called on the Administration to reserve the same area of open space for unrestricted public access in the future. DLCS said that new open space would be available in the new annex buildings at the forecourt of the two museums to make up for the existing open space used for the proposed expansion. The open space could also be used for displaying exhibits and was subject to the final design of the expansion project. Mr YEUNG also enquired about the estimated cost and schedule of the expansion project.

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SHA replied that the expansion project was expected to be completed in 2030 but its cost estimate was not yet available.

39. Mr IP Kin-yuen enquired about the measures to be taken to mitigate the noise impact of the expansion project on the visitors during the museums' opening hours. PD 3/ArchSD said that the Administration would identify ways to reduce the construction noise generated from the expansion project. Moreover, the contractors would be required to propose noise-mitigation measures for the Administration's approval prior to the commencement of the construction.

40. Dr Helena WONG enquired about the role of HKScM in the long run. Assistant Director (Heritage and Museums) of LCSD ("AD(H&M)/LCSD") explained that HKScM aimed to inspire the visitors and arouse public interest in the learning of science. The proposed expansion of HKScM would create new exhibition space to showcase local achievements in scientific research and innovation, promote the appreciation of the scientific and technological developments in China and the rest of the world, and enhance the provision of education programmes through new facilities.

41. Mr IP Kin-yuen relayed the view that the permanent exhibitions at HKScM were unable to keep up with the latest scientific and technological advancements and sought the Administration's response. SHA said that apart from the proposed expansion of HKScM, the Administration had planned to set up a Science Promotion Unit under LCSD to promote popular science culture and exchanges of scientific inventions through the use of LCSD's network and facilities such as HKScM. AD(H&M)/LCSD added that the Administration would continue to renew the permanent exhibitions of HKScM at suitable intervals by replacing outdated exhibits, updating and enhancing the contents, and deploying latest technologies to enhance visitors' experience.

42. Mr Tony TSE took the view that the proposed expansion of HKScM should complement with HKScM's ongoing renewal programme of its permanent exhibition galleries. He enquired about the progress of the renewal programme. DLCS said that HKScM had started to renew its permanent exhibitions in phases. In particular, renewal works for the Earth Science and Palaeontology galleries were expected to be completed in 2020 and 2021 respectively. These would be followed by the completion of the renewal works of the Transportation Hall, the Home Technology Hall and the Food Science Hall in around 2023-2024. Besides, HKScM would launch a five-year programme to replace/upgrade selected exhibits in five permanent exhibition halls, namely the Motion, Light, Sound, Electricity and

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Magnetism Gallery, and Mathematics halls. That said, the proposed expansion of HKScM aimed to, among others, increase the floor area for new exhibition space and enhance HKScM's accessibility, exposure and connectivity with the neighbourhood.

43. Mr SHIU Ka-chun considered that *The Hong Kong Story* permanent exhibition at HKMH should contain more comprehensive information about the historic events (e.g. the 1894 plague and 1967 riots), which had significant impacts on policymaking, and the developments of the former Municipal Councils and DCs. Dr Helena WONG opined that *The Hong Kong Story* should also cover the historic events after 1997.

44. AD(H&M)/LCSD said that notwithstanding the proposed expansion of HKMH, the Administration had been renewing *The Hong Kong Story* permanent exhibition to enhance the exhibition contents, deploy latest technologies to enhance the visitors' experience etc. The renewed *The Hong Kong Story* permanent exhibition would not only outline the historical development of Hong Kong but also consist of thematic exhibitions about historic events. In response to Mr SHIU Ka-chun's concern, AD(H&M)/LCSD advised that during the closure of some permanent exhibition galleries as the renewal works took place, the special exhibition gallery of HKMH would be used to display a condensed version of *The Hong Kong Story*. In response to the Deputy Chairman's enquiry, DLCS advised that the *Glistening Treasures in the Dust – Ancient Artefacts of Afghanistan* thematic exhibition at HKMH had been temporarily closed due to special circumstances in the museum's vicinity and would be reopened subject to the prevailing situation and the agreement of the National Museum of Afghanistan.

45. After discussion, the Chairman concluded that members raised no objection and the funding application of the pre-construction activities for the expansion of HKScM and HKMH would be submitted to PWSC for consideration.

VII. Any other business

46. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 6:30 pm.