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(Attn.: Ms Connie HO)

Dear Ms HO,

**Legislative Council Public Works Subcommittee
Follow-up actions arising from the meeting on 20 May 2021
PWSC(2021-22)15**

Regarding the follow-up actions arising from the Public Works Subcommittee meeting on 20 May 2021, our responses are at the Annex for Members' reference.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sheila Wong', written over a white background.

(Sheila WONG)

for Secretary for Home Affairs

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**Legislative Council Public Works Subcommittee
Follow-up actions arising from the meeting on 20 May 2021
PWSC(2021-22)15**

Follow-up Item (1) :

At the request of Hon TIEN Puk-sun, Michael, the Government shall provide supplementary information on the number of facilities with acoustic features to be provided for discussion by readers upon completion of the renovation of Tsuen Wan Public Library.

Response:

When planning the renovation project of Tsuen Wan Public Library (TWPL), the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) aims at fully enhancing and refurbishing the library facilities to provide a more spacious and comfortable environment conducive to learning and reading, to meet readers' needs and attract more members of the public to use library services.

Regarding the suggestion of Hon Michael TIEN made at the meeting of the Public Works Subcommittee on providing facilities with acoustic features for discussion of library materials by readers at TWPL, LCSD has thoroughly examined the common space that would be available for public use upon completion of the renovation of the library by drawing reference to the usage of the existing discussion rooms at Hong Kong Central Library and Lockhart Road Public Library. LCSD plans to provide two discussion rooms with acoustic features at the Reference Library on 3/F of TWPL that will accommodate two to six readers and two to eight readers respectively for group discussion use. Upon provision of the two discussion rooms, the reference collection in open stack and reading seats in the Reference Library will be adjusted accordingly.

Follow-up Item (2) :

In response to the Chairman's request, the Government has to supplement the information on the progress and implementation schedule of relevant items on improvement and development of cultural facilities under the \$20 billion initiative as announced in 2018-19 Budget Speech and list out the projects which have been and to be implemented.

Response:

In 2018-19 Budget, the Government set aside \$20 billion to improve and develop the cultural facilities in subsequent 10 years. LCSD has been actively implementing the projects listed in the table below:

	Items	Implementation / progress status	(1) Budget approved by Finance Committee/ (2) Funding reserved by the Government (in Money-of-the-day prices)
(A) Performance Venues			
1.	Construction of New Territories East Cultural Centre Project	- Subsequent to the funding approval from the Legislative Council in 2018, the pre-construction activities of the project have commenced and are expected to be completed in Q2 of 2022 the earliest.	(1) \$78.40 million*
2.	Facility Upgrading of the Tai Po Civic Centre Project	- The Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs was consulted on 15 March 2021. - The Public Works Subcommittee endorsed at its meeting on 20 May 2021 the submission of the funding proposal to the Finance Committee. Subject to funding	(2) \$516.50 million

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		approval, the construction works which take about two and a half years will commence as soon as possible.	
3.	Renovation and Improvement Project for the Sai Wan Ho Civic Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs was consulted on 8 April 2021. - The Public Works Subcommittee endorsed at its meeting on 20 May 2021 the submission of the funding proposal to the Finance Committee. Subject to funding approval, construction works which take about two years will commence as soon as possible. 	(2) \$280.60 million
4.	Yau Ma Tei Theatre Phase II Development Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultation of the Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs is planned to be in early 2022. - Subject to funding approval in the 2021-22 legislative year, construction works which take about three years will commence as soon as possible. 	(2) \$220.10 million

	Items	Implementation / progress status	(1) Budget approved by Finance Committee/ (2) Funding reserved by the Government (in Money-of-the-day prices)
5.	Hong Kong City Hall Expansion and Renovation Project	- The proposed project is under initial planning. Details and the timetable are yet to be worked out.	to be confirmed
6.	Renovation and Improvement Project for the Hong Kong Cultural Centre	- The proposed project is under initial planning. Details and the timetable are yet to be worked out. LCSD targets to commence the construction works after completion of the City Hall Expansion and Renovation Project.	to be confirmed
(B) Museums			
7.	Construction of Heritage Conservation and Resource Centre	- Subsequent to the funding approval from the Legislative Council in 2018, the pre-construction activities have commenced and are expected to complete in 2022.	(1) \$89 million*
8.	Expansion of Hong Kong Science Museum and Hong Kong Museum of History	- Subsequent to the funding approval from the Legislative Council in 2020, the pre-construction activities have commenced and are expected to complete in 2024.	(1) \$72.80 million*

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(C) Public Libraries			
9.	Renovation of Tsuen Wan Public Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs was consulted on 8 February 2021. - The Public Works Subcommittee endorsed at its meeting on 20 May 2021 the submission of the funding proposal to the Finance Committee. Subject to funding approval, the construction works which take about three and a half years will commence as soon as possible. 	(2) \$143.80 million

* Not yet include the budget for the main construction works.