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Arts, Culture, Sport and Recreation

Detailed Progress

1 Review areas where service may be improved

To achieve results in this area, various initiatives have been undertaken in the past years. Details are set out below —

Initiative *	Target #	Present Position †
Sport and Recreation		
To provide major new sports and recreation venues to the public (Home Affairs Bureau (HAB))	To plan for the commencement of detailed feasibility studies in 2002-2003 on the technical and financial aspects of – (a) a new multi-purpose stadium in South East Kowloon; and (b) a new multi-purpose indoor sports arena in Mei Foo (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To provide "Octopus" service to facilitate payment of admission and hiring charges for recreation venues (<i>Leisure and Cultural</i> Services Department (<i>LCSD</i>))	To provide "Octopus" service at all public swimming pools and 21 recreation venues by end-2001 and explore the feasibility of extending the service to other recreation facilities such as indoor games halls/indoor recreation centres/sports centres/ leisure centres (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

* the bracketed information denotes the agency with lead responsibility for the initiative

the bracketed information denotes the year in which the target was set

† the bracketed information denotes the status of the target

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To obtain regular feedback from the public in a structured manner on how provision of services may be improved (LCSD)	To set up Customer Liaison Groups and Work Improvement Teams at major leisure venues in 18 districts by 2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To review booking policy and practice for major sports training facilities (HAB/LCSD)	To increase booking of major facilities by National Sports Associations for training programmes by 25% within three years (1999)	(Action Completed)
Arts, Heritage and Culture		
To review the provision of public library and museum services (HAB/(LCSD)	To commence an overall review on the current library and museum policies and services in 2001 with a view to further enhancing the public library and museum services and better serving the information needs of the community (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To review the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance to assess its effectiveness in preserving, protecting and promoting our cultural heritage (HAB)	To complete the review in 2002 (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

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Public Entertainment Licensing		
To facilitate the development of high-quality family entertainment (<i>HAB</i>)	To facilitate the development of high-quality family entertainment by reviewing the Amusement Game Centres Ordinance and developing a licensing framework for Family Entertainment Centres (1996)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

Maintain sufficient resources to support the development of the arts, heritage, culture, sport and recreation

Initiative	Target	Present Position
Arts, Heritage and Culture		
To salvage artefacts and to obtain data on local archaeological heritage from threatened sites	To begin rescue excavation in 2002 at Sha Ha Archaeological Site, Sai Kung	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
(Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD))	(2001)	
To undertake joint processing and research projects with Mainland institutions (LCSD)	To study archaeological materials excavated in Hong Kong as well as local historical buildings and to produce a report on the research findings by end-2001	(Action Completed)
	(2000)	
To introduce private sector initiatives and to pursue the possibility of contracting out or corporatising some cultural services and	To decide on the type of services to be contracted out or corporatised by end-2000 (1999)	(Action Completed)
venues (<i>LCSD</i>)		

Initiative	Target	Present Position
Public Entertainment Licensing		
To streamline the overall structure for entertainment licensing to make it more efficient (Home Affairs Bureau (HAB))	To set up a Task Force in 2002-2003 to examine in detail how to establish a Central Licensing Agency for entertainment licensing and to undertake the relevant preparatory work (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
Arts, Culture, Sport and Recreation		
To identify alternative sources of funding for major sports and cultural events and projects	Within 2001 to draw up a framework for additional financial support for major sports and cultural events	(Action Completed)
(HAB)	(2000)	

Enhance community involvement in the arts, heritage, culture, recreation and sport

Initiative	Target	Present Position
Arts, Heritage and Culture		
To promote cinematic art in the community, especially to the younger generation, so as to raise their ability of appreciation and to develop their aptitude in film and video production (Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD))	To organise thematic film and video programme series in 2002 namely "Youth Video Workshop" and "Video Art Leadership Programme" (2001)	(Action Completed)
To arouse public interest in local heritage by publicising the heritage trails on the Internet (<i>LCSD</i>)	To design a webpage on heritage trails in Hong Kong in 2002 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To encourage community involvement in the district heritage guides training scheme (LCSD)	To recruit volunteers as district heritage guides in 2002 (2001)	(Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To preserve the best examples of our local heritage (Home Affairs Bureau (HAB)/LCSD)	• To sustain our preservation efforts while we are reviewing the existing policy and framework	• (Action in Progress : On Schedule)
	• To declare at least two monuments in 2001	• (Action Completed)
	(2000)	
To promote the understanding and appreciation of Chinese culture through the presentation of a thematic Chinese arts festival in the autumn of 2001 featuring a variety of programmes in different art forms (LCSD)	To organise in 2001 at various venues a three- week arts festival featuring about 80 stage performances, exhibitions, forums, lectures and demonstrations, and other extension and educational activities, with a target audience of 60 000 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To explore opportunities of involving the private sector and the arts community in the management and provision of programmes at designated civic centres (LCSD)	To further contract out some of the management processes and to introduce Artist- in-Residence or Programme Partnership Schemes at selected venues on a trial basis in 2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To promote the life-long learning role of the public libraries (<i>LCSD</i>)	To plan for the setting up of a business and industry library in the City Hall Public Library in late 2001	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
	(2000)	
Sport and Recreation		
To enhance the promotion of sport in schools	• To launch the School Sports Programme in 2001	• (Action Completed)
(LCSD)	• To provide sports promotion activities for 400 000 students annually with effect from 2002-2003	• (Action in Progress : On Schedule)
	(2001)	
To promote a sports culture and to encourage greater community-wide participation in sport (<i>LCSD</i>)	To organise 22 000 events for 1 250 000 participants by end-2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To improve usage rates at existing public sports and recreational venues	To achieve the following usage rates by end-2001 –	(Action Completed)
(LCSD)	Indoor games halls 60%	
	Tennis courts50%	
	Sports grounds 60%	
	Natural turf pitches 90%	
	Artificial turf 70% pitches	
	(2000)	

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To increase the number of training programmes available to the public at selected sports and recreational venues (HAB/LCSD)	To provide a minimum of 1 000 new places for entry-level sports training programmes by December 2002 (1999)	(Action Completed)
To co-ordinate improvements to recreational camps run by non-governmental organisations (HAB/LCSD)	To ensure that all government-sponsored camps meet statutory fire safety requirements in 2000 (1998)	(Action Completed)

4 Promote a wide choice of arts, heritage, culture, sports and recreational facilities

Initiative	Target	Present Position
Arts, Heritage and Culture		
To preserve the best examples of our local heritage (Home Affairs Bureau (HAB)/Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD))	 To sustain our preservation efforts while we are reviewing the existing policy and framework To declare at least two monuments in 2002 (2001) 	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To restore Leung Ancestral Hall, Pat Heung, Yuen Long (LCSD)	To begin restoration work in late 2002 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To restore Tin Hau Kung on the Lung Yeuk Tau Heritage Trail (<i>LCSD</i>)	To begin restoration work in late 2002 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To encourage teachers and students to study astronomy and organise astronomical activities (LCSD)	To set up an Interactive Astronomical Observatory on a site provided by the Hong Kong Observatory in 2002. This project will be jointly organised with the Astronomy Workshop to provide astronomical training for teachers. Participants will be able to use the telescope of the Observatory through the Internet (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To further enhance the use of IT in public libraries (<i>LCSD</i>)	To set up Computers and Information Centres in the District Libraries in phases from 2003 (2001)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To provide protective measures for a Yuan period kiln discovered in Ha Law Wan, Chek Lap Kok (LCSD)	To complete protective work in late 2001 (2000)	(Action Completed)
To fully restore the Tin Hau Temple in Causeway Bay (LCSD)	To begin restoration work in end-2001 (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)

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To fully restore Hau Mei Fung Ancestral Hall in Kam Tsin Tsuen, Sheung Shui (LCSD)	To begin restoration work in end-2001 (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To establish a two- kilometre heritage trail in Kam Tin (<i>LCSD</i>)	To establish a two-kilometre heritage trail in Kam Tin at a cost of \$28 million (1995)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
Sport and Recreation		
To provide a new training centre for gymnastics at Shun Lee Tsuen Leisure Centre (LCSD)	To set up the new training centre in 2002 (2001)	The open tender exercise initiated in December 2001 for converting secondary hall in Shun Lee Tsuen Sports Centre into a designated gymnastic training base and to install gymnastic equipment was cancelled because the suppliers in the market did not have the expertise and professionalism to meet all the technical and structural requirements. The Architectural Services Department is now exploring the feasibility of undertaking the proposal in-house. (Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To provide a greater choice of sports and recreational venues to the public (<i>LCSD</i>)	To open the following major new facilities in 2001 or 2002–	
	• 1 swimming pool complex	• (Action Completed)
	• 1 indoor games hall	• (Action Completed)
	• 1 water sports centre (2000)	 The construction of water sports centre at Stanley Main Beach was originally scheduled to commence in 2000. However, it has taken time to resolve issues arising from objections from a few Stanley residents and to obtain Town Planning Board approval before the construction works could commence. The re-scheduled commencement and completion dates for the construction works are February 2003 and December 2004 respectively. (Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)

Initiative	Target	Present Position
To invite expressions of interest in the use of a number of former landfill sites in the New Territories for public recreational use (HAB/Environmental Protection Department)	To allocate space on former landfills for a minimum of two new sports or recreational facilities by June 2002 (1999)	It has taken more time to obtain support from the relevant District Councils. The Environmental Protection Department is inviting detailed proposals for the development of the first landfill site. (Action in Progress : Behind Schedule)
To co-ordinate the building of recreational and sports facilities on the four former landfill sites in Jordan Valley, Sai Tso Wan, Tseung Kwan O and Shuen Wan (HAB)	To begin construction work on the facilities in 2000 (1998 and 1996)	The Environmental Protection Department has begun work on the Sai Tso Wan project, which is expected to be completed by 2004. Facilities to be provided at the Tseung Kwan O, Jordan Valley and Shuen Wan Landfill Sites are under review due to the high recurrent costs involved. (Action in Progress : Under Review)

Support excellence in the arts and sport

Initiative	Target	Present Position
Sport and Recreation		
To provide additional resources to upgrade facilities at the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) for training Hong Kong athletes (<i>Home Affairs Bureau</i> (<i>HAB</i>))	In 2001 to provide grants up to \$10 million from the Arts and Sport Development Fund for athlete training and enhancement of training facilities (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To support increased participation by Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) athletes in major games (HAB)	To provide resources to allow all qualified athletes selected by the relevant authorities to take part in the 2001 East Asian Games and the 2001 All China National Games as well as future major games events (2000)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)
To develop proposals for improvements to the HKSI aimed at enhancing the facilities available to top athletes in all sports (HAB/Hong Kong Sports Development Board)	To increase the usage rate of the HKSI by HKSAR representative squads by 25% within five years (1999)	(Action in Progress : On Schedule)