Sai Kung District Council
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Programme Plan of Extension Activities of Public Libraries in the Sai Kung District for April 2018 to March 2019 by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Purpose

This paper consults Members on the programme plan of extension activities to be organised by public libraries under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in the Sai Kung District for the year 2018-19 and seeks funding from the District Council for the proposed district-based activities.

Background

2. To cater for the reading needs and interests of local residents of all ages, the LCSD organises a variety of extension activities on a regular basis in all public libraries in the Sai Kung District. The extension activities aim to encourage use of library facilities and promote lifelong learning among members of the public and students in particular, as well as to foster the culture of reading in the community.

Overview of Activities

3. Extension activities held in the district library and small libraries of the Sai Kung District broadly fall under the district-based and territory-wide categories. While local libraries regularly organise storytelling for children, subject talks, book displays, and user education sessions, the LCSD public library system co-ordinates territory-wide activities to be conducted in public libraries in different districts. Such territory-wide activities include roving exhibitions, thematic book displays, subject talks, computer workshops, literary writing activities, storytelling and performances for children, reading programmes for children and youth, reading clubs, an array of literary competitions and exhibitions of winning entries, etc. The territory-wide activities are funded by the LCSD.

4. An overview of the extension activities organised by public libraries in the Sai Kung District between January 2017 and December 2017 is set out in Annex 1 for Members' reference.

Programme Plan for the Coming Year

5. Proposed district-based activities to be held in public libraries in the Sai Kung District between April 2018 and March 2019 are set out in Annex 2 for Members' consideration. A total of 805 library extension activities with an estimated attendance of 662,665 are planned for the period, in which 230 library extension activities are funded by the district council with an estimated attendance of 14,685 and an estimated budget of HK$271,545. With the arrangement for closing of account in early March for each financial year, an amount of HK$4,275 budgeted for the library activities to be held in March 2019 should be carried forward in the next financial year. Territory-wide extension activities to be organised by the Hong Kong Public Libraries in the year 2018-19 are also set out in Annex 3 for reference.

Recommendation

6. The District Council is recommended to endorse the proposed activities set out in Annex 2 and to approve the funding for the activities to be held. The Department will provide support to and follow up on other initiatives suggested by Members as far as possible, subject to approval for additional resources from the District Council.

Submission

7. This paper is to be tabled at the Sai Kung District Council meeting on 9.1.2018.

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Annex 1

Overview of the Extension Activities of Public Libraries in the Sai Kung District
January 2017 to December 2017

1. Extension Activities Funded by District Council

Item	Type of Activity	Number of Activities Organised	Attendance
1	Storytelling for Children	150	3,882
2	Subject Talk	10	276
3	Others	77	15,160
	Total:	237	19,318

2. Extension Activities Organized by LCSD

Item	Type of Activity	Number of Activities Organised	Attendance
1	Book Display	239	795,665
2	Roving Exhibition	19	25,639
3	Storytelling for Children	7	158
4	Subject Talk / Workshop	42	1,623
5	Reading Programme for Children and Youth	108	16,759
6	Reading Club	208	937
7	Library Visit & User Education Session	372	4,527
	Total:	995	845,308

Remarks: A total of 1,232 library extension activities with an attendance of 864,626 are organised in 2017.

Annex 2

District-based Extension Activities of Public Libraries in the Sai Kung District Planned for April 2018 to March 2019

1. Extension Activities Funded by District Council

Item	Description	Venue	Estimated Number of Activities	Estimated Attendance	Estimated Expenditure $
1	**Storytelling for Children** Storytelling and interactive activities with specific themes to be held once every week in the district libraries to stimulate children's interest in reading. Recommended booklists are to be provided to supplement the activities.	Sai Kung Public Library Tiu Keng Leng Public Library Tseung Kwan O Public Library	52 52 52	1,040 1,040 2,040	14,820 14,820 14,820
2	**Subject Talk / Workshop**				
	a) Reading / Writing	Sai Kung Public Library	1	25	795
	b) Parent-Child Reading	Tiu Keng Leng Public Library	1	50	795
		Tseung Kwan O Public Library	1	50	795
	c) Health for Senior Citizen	Sai Kung Public Library	1	25	795
	d) Health & Fitness Exercise for the Disabled	Tiu Keng Leng Public Library	1	50	795

Item	Description	Venue	Estimated Number of Activities	Estimated Attendance	Estimated Expenditure $
	e) The Well-being of Elderly	Tseung Kwan O Public Library	1	50	795
	f) Family Harmony	Sai Kung Public Library	1	25	795
	g) Youth Travel	Tseung Kwan O Public Library	1	50	795
	h) Art / Design	Tiu Keng Leng Public Library	1	50	795
	i) Smart and Happy Retirement	Tiu Keng Leng Public Library	1	50	795
3	**Summer Theatre: Family Interactive Storyland** To instill reading interest of children through thematic parent-child storytelling and workshops on world famous people involving the public libraries and community libraries in the district.	Sai Kung Public Library/ Tiu Keng Leng Public Library/ Tseung Kwan O Public Library/ Community Libraries in Sai Kung District	30	1,200	132,275
4	**READ Ambassador Programme: Enjoy Reading Time with Children** To promote district-based reading culture among children by enhancing basic storytelling skills of parents through interactive and experimental activities.	Tiu Keng Leng Public Library	12	240	10,940

Item	Description	Venue	Estimated Number of Activities	Estimated Attendance	Estimated Expenditure $
5	**Learning English through Games** Special reading activities for kids to promote English learning and the library collection.	Sai Kung Public Library/ Tiu Keng Leng Public Library/ Tseung Kwan O Public Library	12	240	19,420
6	**Sai Kung Culture and History: Fishermen Community** To arouse public awareness on local district culture and history by introducing the livelihood and society of the Sai Kung fishermen community through oral history subject talks and exhibitions.	Tiu Keng Leng Public Library/ Tseung Kwan O Public Library	4	5,000	29,530
7	**Social Inclusion: Origami Workshop for Kids** To promote reading interest among children of minority groups by understanding Hong Kong and ethnic culture through storytelling and handicrafts.	Sai Kung Public Library/ Tiu Keng Leng Public Library/ Tseung Kwan O Public Library	3	60	5,970

Item	**Description**	Venue	Estimated Number of Activities	Estimated Attendance	Estimated Expenditure $
8	**Art in Community Exhibition** To arouse public interest in the subject of art and design through artwork exhibitions and mini book displays.	Tiu Keng Leng Public Library/ Tseung Kwan O Public Library	3	3,400	21,000
		Estimated Total:	**230**	**14,685**	**271,545**

2. Extension Activities Organized by LCSD

Item	Description	Venue	Estimated Number of Activities	Estimated Attendance	Estimated Expenditure $
1	**Book Displays** Book Displays with different themes to be held in the adult and junior libraries or during activities to promote the diverse library collections and to enhance their role in meeting community needs for information, lifelong learning, and profitable use of leisure time.	Sai Kung Public Library Tiu Keng Leng Public Library Tseung Kwan O Public Library	63 84 84	90,000 300,000 255,000	- - -
2	**Library Visits by Schools / Organisations** Library tours for students at different levels of study/ local organisations to familiarise them with library facilities and services, thereby enabling them to harness the resources and latest information on different subjects in the future. (Non-scheduled activities)	Sai Kung Public Library Tiu Keng Leng Public Library Tseung Kwan O Public Library	2 30 20	40 900 600	- - -
3	**Outreach Visit to Schools / Organisations** Library services promotion for students at different levels of study/ local organisations, thereby enabling them to harness the resources and latest information on different subjects in the future. (Non-scheduled activities)	Sai Kung Public Library Tiu Keng Leng Public Library Tseung Kwan O Public Library	1 2 1	40 200 100	- - -

Item	Description	Venue	Estimated Number of Activities	Estimated Attendance	Estimated Expenditure $
4	**<u>User Education Sessions</u>** Education sessions to introduce readers to various library services and facilities, including the Library Catalogue, the Internet, the Multimedia Information System, and electronic resources.	Sai Kung Public Library Tiu Keng Leng Public Library Tseung Kwan O Public Library	96 96 96	300 400 400	- - -
		Estimated Total:	**575**	**647,980**	-

Annex 3

Hong Kong Public Libraries
Territory-wide Extension Activities
April 2018 - March 2019
(for reference only)

The Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL) of Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) provides a rich collection and organises regular reading activities in its branch libraries for members of the public. Apart from these services, a wide range of territory-wide extension activities are also presented each year, aiming to meet the reading needs and interests of different age groups, actively promote reading, facilitate citizens to foster reading habits in the pursuit of lifelong learning through which the base of public library users will be expanded. Territory-wide activities are held at major, district and small libraries in the district including thematic book exhibitions, subject talks, internet workshops, creative writing activities, storytelling for children as well as reading activities for children and youths. These activities are supplemented with booklists and thematic resources guides on related subjects. As the details of activities are still under preparation, LCSD will report the progress to the District Council in the bi-monthly library papers. A brief of these activities are listed in the following for reference.

Item	Activity Brief
Promotion of Reading and Literary Arts Through organising the following programmes, the HKPL encourages parents and schools to take part in and to facilitate the cultivation of good reading habits among children and youths. These activities include regular meetings for members of "Reading Programme for Children and Youth" and "Reading Clubs", meet-the-authors talk series, thematic interactive storytelling workshops as well as subject talks to promote reading skills and interests. Book exhibition with booklist for distribution will be arranged for selected activities to suit for further reading on related subjects.	
1.	Reading Programme for Children and Youth Organised by HKPL, supported by Education Bureau, Hong Kong Reading Association and Hong Kong Teacher-Librarians' Association, the programme aims to foster reading interests of children and youths and to inculcate good reading habit, broaden their scope of reading and knowledge base, enhance language proficiency as well as encourage parents' participation in reading activities with their children.
2.	HKPL Reading Clubs - Teens' Reading Clubs – to encourage teenagers to become lifelong readers, to learn as they develop and to care for their

	community through reading, thinking, sharing and discussion; - Family Reading Clubs – to encourage parents to read with their children, to instill sustainable reading interests and enjoy the fun of reading in family.
3.	Meet-the-Authors Talk Series Targeted for students / young people. Through meeting local authors who will share their views on creative writing, encourage interflows on different topics and offer suggestions on quality reading materials.
4.	Summer Reading Month An array of reading activities will be organised in public libraries of 18 districts in summer, including creative and story dramatization competitions, meet and share with authors and celebrities, thematic exhibition, cultural performance, interactive workshops and reading charter, etc., to introduce reading in different subject disciplines, incite reading interests of children, encourage readers to make better use of library resources, as well as to promote purposeful reading in summer.
5.	Thematic Storytelling Workshops Parent-child activities to arouse reading interests, through story dramatization, interactive shows and games as well as discussion, so as to encourage them to read extensively.
6.	Paired Reading Talks & Workshops To invite scholars and education experts as speakers to provide parents with guidelines on paired reading, selection of reading materials and cultivation of children's reading interests.
7.	Participation of the HKPL in the "Public Lecture of International Writers' Workshop Writer-In-Residence" and "Public Lecture of International Writers' Workshop Visiting Writers" organised by the Hong Kong Baptist University, "Creative Writing Competition for Secondary School Students in Hong Kong Region" and "The Putonghua Public Speaking Competition for Primary and Secondary Schools".
8.	Monthly Literary Talk Collaborated with different literary organisations to present various kinds of literary talks for promotion of reading and appreciation of literature.
9.	Creative Writing Workshop for Youths and Children Workshops on different literary forms aim at promoting creative writing in Chinese and language proficiency as well as

	broadening their reading interests.
11.	Talk Series on Chinese Poetry Writing Talk series introducing *Shi* and *Ci*, aims to promote writing and appreciation of rhyming literature in Chinese as well as Chinese language proficiency.
12.	Talk on Creative Writing in Chinese To further promote reading and appreciation of local Chinese literary creative works.
13.	Talk on Chinese Classics To promote the Chinese Culture and the appreciation of Chinese classical literature, different series of talks on classical Chinese with various topics are jointly organised with the Hok Hoi Library.
14.	Hong Kong Literature Festival Since its launch in 1997, the Hong Kong Literature Festival aims to encourage literary writing and reading in the territory through the provision of a variety of literary activities to the public. Various kinds of activities such as thematic exhibition, symposium, guided reading workshops, interflow and competitions etc., will be held.
Thematic / Roving Book Exhibition Thematic exhibition panels and book exhibitions will be displayed in major and district libraries across the territory for the public, aiming to broaden their understanding of the society and reading scope. Resources guides to tie-in with these exhibitions will be prepared to suit for further reading of different subjects.	
15.	Roving exhibitions on the winning entries of the "Literary Performance Competition" and "Writing Competition" of the 12th Hong Kong Literature Festival.
16.	Roving exhibition and book display on the winning entries of "4.23 World Book Day Creative Competition" in 2018.
17.	Roving exhibition on the winning works of "Reading Supernova" of "Reading Programme for Children and Youth" in 2016-17.

18.	Roving exhibition on the winning entries of the "Chinese Poetry Writing Competition".
19.	Roving exhibition on the winning entries of the "14th Hong Kong Biennial Awards for Chinese Literature" and roving book display of previous Awards.
20.	Roving exhibition on winning entries of "Hong Kong Print Awards".
21.	Roving book display on "Extensive Reading to Broaden the Horizons" in 2018.

Subject Talks and Creative Writing Workshops

Subject talks on various subjects for readers of different age groups aim to promote culture to the community, bring them access to knowledge and information, support lifelong learning and facilitate the use of information technology so as to establish a knowledge-based society as well as to bring enhancement to cultural life. Talks on different subjects covering a wide range of information, such as Chinese classics, philosophy & life, living in the digital era, life & death education, knowing China, Hong Kong & Asia, poetry writing, literature and art creation and appreciation, photography, health & well being, general knowledge of medicine and etc., are organised mainly at the Hong Kong Central Library whilst some are held at major / branch libraries across the territory.

Competitions / Awards

Territory-wide competitions and awards are organised regularly to encourage wide participation of citizens / readers across the districts, so as to enhance their ability in reading, literary appreciation and creative writing. Major / district libraries contribute to the promotion of the activities in their districts. Writing workshops and subject talks will also be held in the community to tie-in with these territory-wide competitions and awards.

21.	"4.23 World Book Day Creative Competition" in 2018 The Competition is organised in support of the "World Book Day" on 23rd April, with specific theme each year. The competition is to encourage children and youths to widen their horizons and enrich their own life through extensive reading as well as to stimulate their reading interest on specific topic. With the ability to think in diverse perspectives, they can learn to meet the challenges of new world.

22.	The 28th Chinese Poetry Writing Competition –*Ci* The competition of *Shi* and *Ci* has been organised in alternate year since 1991 for promoting the proficiency in Chinese language and appreciation of rhyme literature. The competition comprises student and open categories.
23.	Awards for Creative Writing in Chinese 2018 The Awards for Creative Writing in Chinese has been organised since 1979, aiming to promote reading and encourage creative writing in Chinese. The Award consists of six categories, including poetry, essay, fiction, literary criticism, children story and children picture categories.
24.	Pre-festival Competitions of the 12th Hong Kong Literature Festival To promote reading and literary creation, two pre-festival competitions of the 12th Hong Kong Literature Festival will be organised, including the "Literary Performance Competition" for primary students and "The Bloom of Youth" Chinese Writing Competition for secondary students and general public.
25.	Creative Writing Competition for Secondary School Students in Hong Kong Region 2018-2019 Organised by the Hong Kong Institute for Promotion of Chinese Culture, HKPL is one of the associating organisations. This is a regional event in support of the national competition organised in Mainland China, to be held during the same period for secondary school students in the country. The competition aims to encourage creative writing of students and to enrich their knowledge in Chinese culture and promote interflow among them.
26.	20th Competition on Public Speaking in Putonghua for Students 2018 Organised by the Cultural and Educational Association of the New Towns, funded by Standing Committee on Language Education and Research, in association with Education Bureau, Radio Hong Kong and HKPL. This school-wide, thematic competition combining public speaking in Putonghua, speech writing and reading, aims to promote language learning and proficiency particularly in Putonghua as well as reading and writing.

27.	Hong Kong Print Awards An annual Award organised by the Graphic Arts Association of Hong Kong, Hong Kong Publishing Professional Society and Hong Kong Trade Development Council, in association with LCSD, the Print Awards aims to demonstrate the excellent quality of Hong Kong's printed products, encourage the printing, publishing and design industries in promoting their excellent achievements so that they can further enhance technology advancement and innovation in printing and publishing production. Roving exhibition of winning entries will be held at public libraries and other venues.
Others A variety of activities are also held to promote library facilities among the public and encourage them to make better use of library services for lifelong learning.	
28.	School Culture Day Scheme Targeted for schools, to organise reading and library user education sessions, supplemented by interactive activities, it also aims to keep close liaison with teacher-librarians for arranging visits to public libraries and outreach visits to schools for promotion of library collection and services, so as to facilitate access and profitable utilization of library resources amongst students.
29.	Library Card for All School Children Targeted for schools, to arrange bulk registration of library card for students and block loan of library materials to schools.