

**Islands District Council**  
**IDC Paper No. 15/2016**

**Programme Plan of Extension Activities of Public Libraries**  
**in the Islands District for 2016/2017 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 Islands District for the year 2016/2017 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 Islands 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 Islands 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 Islands District between January 2015 and December 2015 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 Islands District between April 2016 and March 2017 are set out in Annex 2 for Members' consideration. During the period, a total of 699 library extension activities are planned for the period, with an estimated attendance of 214,300. A budget of \$76,562.5 is involved with \$74,177.5 being a part of the expenses in the financial year 2016/2017 and the remaining amount of \$2,385 being the expenses in the financial year 2017/2018. Territory-wide extension activities to be organised by the Hong Kong Public Libraries in the year 2016/2017 are also set out in Annex 3 for Members' 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 IDC meeting on 1 February 2016.

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