

Public Libraries Advisory Committee
Summary of Discussion of the 43rd Meeting Held on 10 February 2022

Business Plan of Hong Kong Public Libraries (2022-23) (PLAC 1/2022)

1. Members noted the Business Plan with appreciation on the rich diversity of programmes on the LCSD Edutainment Channel and the holistic approach in promoting reading culture. The following suggestions and enquiries were raised:

- (a) To promote the reprovisioned Sau Mau Ping Public Library among schools and non-profit-making organisations.
- (b) To streamline the current library card application procedures under the “Library Cards for All School Children” Scheme in order to facilitate effective use of library resources by students.
- (c) To enhance collaboration with schools by promoting extracurricular activities to children and the underprivileged, and to provide convenient service to the public by offering audio books online or door-to-door delivery of library books with reference to similar service in the Mainland.
- (d) To encourage teachers making good use of the rich e-book collections of the HKPL; and to target sharing of reading information on social media by age groups.
- (e) To arrange regular loan of printed books to kindergartens as online classes are not suitable for their students. .
- (f) To present exhibitions in multimedia format online alongside on-site ones in view of the ongoing pandemic situation. Local tours could be held together with talks and thematic exhibitions promoting local history and literature to enhance public understanding of local culture.
- (g) To synergize the promotion of local culture and history through books together with the celebratory programmes of the 60th Anniversary of the HKPL and the 25th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR.
- (h) To engage athletes and KOLs in the promotion of the 60th Anniversary of the HKPL for closer connection and interaction

with the public. Interview invitations to loyal library patrons who had been supporting the HKPL could foster connection with libraries.

- (i) To develop browsing habit by presenting online videos or programmes at fixed time for subscription by students or target groups of the public. Enquiries were raised on whether the data analysis under Smart Library System could be enhanced to reflect patrons' reading habits through their loan status and behavior; participation rate on activities could on the other hand reflect the outcome of the HKPL's collaboration with parents and schools.
- (j) To promote the Smart Library System with short video clips introducing its major functions to raise public awareness and interest.
- (k) Members appreciated the Pop-up Library activity held at the waterfront with captive view, and suggested holding reading activities at similar venues in future.

Final Report on Trial Scheme for Library Station Service (PLAC 2/2022)

2. Members noted the report and made the following suggestions:

- (a) To engage contractor in enhancing the cleaning of library stations, which was highly emphasized during the pandemic.
- (b) To increase promotion of library station service to parents who wanted to borrow more books for their children during the pandemic.
- (c) To enhance the self-service equipment at library stations in meeting developments in the implementation of the Smart Library System.

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