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Question:

For this year, are there any plans to protect the relics and artefacts of the War of Resistance Against Japan in Hong Kong?

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Reply:

The Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence (HKMCD) under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department was built on the site of the former Lei Yu Mun Fort, a major battlefield of the War of Resistance against Japan in Hong Kong in December 1941. Upon restoration, the Fort was converted to the HKMCD and opened in 2000, presenting the history of the War of Resistance against Japan in its permanent exhibition. The HKMCD is now closed for a major revamp to its permanent exhibition and expected to re-open in 2021-22. With a new and interactive approach, the revamped exhibition will deepen visitors' understanding of this segment of history.

The Hong Kong Museum of History and HKMCD have been collecting precious artefacts related to the War of Resistance against Japan in Hong Kong, including government documents, war telegrams, military uniforms, newspapers, magazines, war bonds, letters of prisoners of war, diaries, drawings, postcards, photographs and posters. Acquisition of suitable artefacts will continue in this year for permanent collection, exhibition, education and research purposes.

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