

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Home Affairs

Question:

It was announced in the 2019 Policy Address that about \$700 million would be allocated to make the public play spaces more innovative and fun by transforming more than 170 public play spaces across the territory within 5 years from 2020 to 2026. In this connection, please provide the following information:

1. The number of venues at which transformation has commenced or has been completed so far, the names of the venues concerned and the expenditure involved;
2. The estimated number of venues at which transformation will commence or will be completed in 2021-22, the names of the venues concerned and the expenditure involved;
3. Is the Department confident that transformation of all of the 170 venues will be completed as scheduled by 2026 having regard to the current progress? If so, is there any plan to further transform more public play spaces? If not, what are the reasons?
4. Have any design competitions been held or will be held for some of the transformation projects to let young people and professionals unleash their creativity while enhancing the diversity and characteristics in the design of public play spaces in Hong Kong?

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Reply:

1. & 2. The Government launched a five-year plan to transform more than 170 public play spaces (PPS) under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) across the territory in 2019. The total estimated expenditure for the entire programme is \$686 million. The LCSD launched 17 transformation projects in 2020-21 and will launch 26 projects in 2021-22 in various districts. A list of venues of transformation projects is at Annex.

3. The LCSD has been launching transformation projects for the first 2 years as planned and planning for projects for the subsequent 3 years. It is hoped that transformation works for more than 170 PPS will have been successfully launched by 2026. The LCSD will closely monitor the works progress and review the public response to the programme so as to consider whether more PPS should be transformed.
  
4. In transforming the PPS, the LCSD will encourage and promote community participation and engagement through different means, such as workshops and opinion surveys to engage different stakeholders and invite them to offer opinions. Meanwhile, the LCSD will also collect views from professionals and bring about innovation in considering organising open design competitions for the transformation works of some suitable PPS.

**List of Venues of Transformation Projects in 2020-21 and 2021-22**

Districts	Venues of Transformation Projects	
	2020-21	2021-22
<b>Kowloon</b>		
Sham Shui Po District	Sham Shui Po Park	Shun Ning Road Recreation Ground
Kwun Tong District	Jordan Valley Park	Ngau Tau Kok Road Sports Centre
Yau Tsim Mong District	Tong Mei Road Children's Playground	(i) Saigon Street Playground (ii) Haiphong Road Children's Playground
Wong Tai Sin District	Shung Ling Street Playground	(i) Morse Park (Park No. 4) (ii) Ngau Chi Wan Park (Children's Play Area on Upper Platform)
Kowloon City District	Tai Wan Shan Park	Fat Kwong Street Garden No.1
<b>Hong Kong Island</b>		
Central and Western District	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park	(i) Third Street Playground (ii) Kwong Hon Terrace Garden
Southern District	Aberdeen Promenade	Shek Pai Wan Road Playground
Wan Chai District	Tung Lo Wan Garden	Kwai Fong Street Playground
Eastern District	King's Road Playground	(i) Quarry Bay Park (ii) Yee Tai Street Sitting-out Area
<b>New Territories</b>		
Islands District	Cheung Chau Park	Yung Shue Wan Playground
Kwai Tsing District	Tsing Yi Promenade	(i) Shek Yam Lei Muk Road Park (ii) Mei King Playground
Tsuen Wan District	Pak Lam Road Garden	Jockey Club Tak Wah Park
Sai Kung District	Po Tsui Park	(i) Sai Kung Waterfront Park (ii) Mau Tai Road Garden
Sha Tin District	Che Kung Miu Road Playground	(i) Sha Tin Park (ii) Ma On Shan Promenade (Children's Playgrounds No. 3 and No. 4)
Tai Po District	Yuen Shin Park	Chung Nga Road Children's Playground
North District	Hung Leng Children's Playground	Wo Hing Playground
Yuen Long District	Fung Cheung Road Garden	(i) Tin Shui Wai Park (ii) Yuen Long Park
Tuen Mun District	#	Tsing Shan Children's Playground

# Transformation works of the children play space in Tuen Mun Park were completed in **2018**.