

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism

Question:

Regarding the management of swimming pool facilities, please inform this Committee of the following:

- (1) Which are the top 5 swimming pools with the highest attendances in the 18 districts of Hong Kong in the past 3 years? Please list the names of the swimming pools and their respective attendances;
- (2) What are the attendances of the public swimming pools in Kowloon West in the past 3 years? Please list the names of the swimming pools and their respective attendances;
- (3) What are the numbers of complaints received about pool cleanliness in the past 3 years?
- (4) Has the Leisure and Cultural Services Department implemented water quality improvement measures at complexes with higher attendances? If yes, what are the details and effectiveness of those measures as well as the expenditure involved?

Asked by: Hon CHENG Wing-shun, Vincent (LegCo internal reference no.: 42)

Reply:

- (1) The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) manages a total of 45 public swimming pools across the territory. The top 5 public swimming pools with the highest attendances in the past 3 years are set out at **Annex I**.
- (2) The attendances of the public swimming pools in Kowloon West (including Yau Tsim Mong District and Sham Shui Po District) in the past 3 years are set out at **Annex II**.
- (3) The numbers of complaints related to public swimming pools in the past 3 years are set out at **Annex III**. The complaints were mainly pertaining to pool management such as anti-epidemic measures, pool cleanliness, water quality, water temperature, opening and admittance arrangement and performance of contractors. The LCSD does not have a breakdown by category of complaint for public swimming pools in the past 3 years.

- (4) Well-developed filtration and sterilisation systems are in place in the 45 public swimming pools under the LCSD. Water of the swimming pools is continuously circulated, filtered and sterilised throughout the opening hours. To ensure that the hygiene of pool water is up to standard, apart from taking water samples for testing of residual chlorine levels and pH value on an hourly basis during the opening hours, the LCSD has also commissioned accredited laboratories to conduct testing on the swimming pool water on a weekly basis to ascertain that the water quality is up to the relevant standard. Furthermore, to make sure that the filtration and sterilisation systems of the swimming pools are working satisfactorily, the works departments concerned have been assisting the LCSD in conducting proper repair and maintenance of the swimming pools, including comprehensive inspection and testing of the filtration systems in the filtration plants during annual maintenance and timely replacement of equipment and spare parts. As maintenance and repair works of LCSD swimming pools are undertaken by various works and technical departments, the LCSD does not have the details on the expenditures involved.

5 swimming pools with the highest attendances from 2020 to 2022

Year Order by Attendance	2020⁽¹⁾		2021⁽²⁾		2022⁽³⁾	
	Name of Swimming Pool	Attendance	Name of Swimming Pool	Attendance	Name of Swimming Pool	Attendance
1	Kwun Tong Swimming Pool	324 105	Kwun Tong Swimming Pool	893 996	Kwun Tong Swimming Pool	616 474
2	Lai Chi Kok Park Swimming Pool	214 113	Victoria Park Swimming Pool	481 430	Kowloon Park Swimming Pool	521 192
3	Victoria Park Swimming Pool	198 898	Kowloon Park Swimming Pool	472 269	Victoria Park Swimming Pool	469 270
4	Kennedy Town Swimming Pool	159 870	Lai Chi Kok Park Swimming Pool	449 834	Lai Chi Kok Park Swimming Pool	430 391
5	Tuen Mun North West Swimming Pool	156 219	Kennedy Town Swimming Pool	408 056	Kennedy Town Swimming Pool	351 261

Notes:

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- (2) In 2021, all public swimming pools were closed from 1 January to 1 April due to the COVID-19 epidemic.
- (3) In 2022, all public swimming pools were closed from 7 January to 11 May due to the COVID-19 epidemic. Among them, 24 public swimming pools required longer time to prepare for re-opening and were closed until 15 May.

**Attendance of public swimming pools
in the Kowloon West region from 2020 to 2022**

District	Year	2020⁽¹⁾	2021⁽²⁾	2022⁽³⁾
	Name of Swimming Pool	Attendance	Attendance	Attendance
Sham Shui Po District	Lai Chi Kok Park Swimming Pool	214 113	449 834	430 391
	Lei Cheng Uk Swimming Pool	52 781	157 755	108 913
	Sham Shui Po Park Swimming Pool	126 158	302 094	242 017
Yau Tsim Mong District	Kowloon Park Swimming Pool	115 047	472 269	521 192
	Tai Kok Tsui Swimming Pool	46 524	98 235	89 838

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Numbers of complaints related to public swimming pools from 2020 to 2022

Year	2020⁽¹⁾⁽⁴⁾	2021⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾	2022⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾⁽⁵⁾
Number of swimming pools	44	44	45
Number of complaints	511	1 244	366

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- (4) Kowloon Tsai Swimming Pool has been closed for redevelopment since 2020. Ho Man Tin Swimming Pool was closed in 2021 to serve as a vaccination centre. Morse Park Swimming Pool has been closed since 2022 for conversion works.
- (5) Tung Cheong Street Swimming Pool commenced service in August 2022.

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