

Legislative Council Question No. 15

(Written Reply)

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Asked by : Ir Dr Hon HO Chung-tai

Replied By : Secretary for
Economic Services

Question :

It has been reported that in order to develop Penny's Bay on Lantau Island as Asia's top tourist attraction, the Government is planning to establish a large arboretum adjacent to the Hong Kong Disneyland. In this connection, will the Government inform this Council:

- (a) of the government department or organization which will be responsible for the management and operation of the arboretum;
- (b) whether it plans to charge a fee for admission to the arboretum; if so, of the admission fee for each visit; and
- (c) of the estimated annual number of visitors to the arboretum in the first three years after its opening?

Reply

President,

- (a) The arboretum is part of a public water recreation centre adjacent to the Hong Kong Disneyland. According to the agreement between the Government and The Walt Disney Company, the water recreation centre will be managed and operated by our joint venture company, the Hongkong International Theme Parks Limited.
- (b) We do not intend to impose any admission fee for the water recreation centre or the arboretum.
- (c) We estimate that the water recreation centre will attract a total of 720,000 visitors in its first three years of operation, i.e. an average of about 240,000 visitors annually.

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Economic Services Bureau
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