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Dear Ms. Mak,

As instructed by Prof. Roland Chin, Chairman of the Science Museum Advisory Panel, I would like to forward his comments on the amendment as below.

Chan Ki-hung
Secretary, Science Museum Advisory Panel

Dear Ms. Mak,

In response to your letter dated 8 June regarding the amendments of fees and charges of the public museums of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, on behalf of the Science Museum Advisory Panel, I would like to express our support of the amendments as proposed by the Home Affairs Bureau.

We learned that HAB has proposed the following amendments:

1. The public will be offered free admission to permanent exhibitions of five designated fee-charging LCSD museums: The Hong Kong Museum of Art, Hong Kong Museum of History, Hong Kong Heritage Museum, Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence and Sun Yat-Sen Museum;
2. Free admission will be offered to full-time students to permanent exhibitions of the Hong Kong Science Museum (HKScM) and Hong Kong Space Museum (HKSpM);
3. The admission fees for standard, concessionary and group tickets of HKScM will be reduced from HK\$25 to \$20, \$12.5 to \$10 and \$17.5 to \$14 respectively;
4. As regards the HKSpM, the price of standard, concessionary and group tickets will remain at the current level, i.e. \$10, \$5 and \$7 respectively.

We understand that both HKScM and HKSpM have nearly reached their limiting capacity. If free admission is offered as in the above-mentioned five museums, an excessive increase in attendance may result which could lead to an unsatisfactory exhibits breakdown rate and an unpleasant museum visiting environment. It is therefore advisable to adopt a gradual approach in terms of pricing for these two museums.

We believe that the proposed arrangement could be reviewed later after the implementation of the amendments.

Best regards,

Prof. Roland Chin,
Chairman, Science Museum Advisory Panel

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