

## Statement by LCSD

There are recent online accusations by suspected overseas organisations and individuals that the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government has decided to abandon the Hong Kong Heritage Museum (HKHM), which will erase a large quantity of invaluable archives and artworks and threaten the preservation of the cultural heritage of Hong Kong. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) today (December 13) severely condemned the ill-intentioned parties for spreading false information online and sternly made the following statement to set the record straight.

The LCSD stressed that it has all along spared no effort in promoting the preservation and development of Hong Kong culture and arts, valued each and every piece of collection of its museum and tried its best to provide the space for their display. It is also why the Government launched the 10-year development blueprint for arts and cultural facilities which proposed to significantly increase the number of museums and display spaces. In any case, the existing collections of the HKHM will be properly preserved and will not be lost due to the integration of museums. They will continue to be displayed at the HKHM or other appropriate museum space for public appreciation.