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Question:

Please provide the expenditure of the Community Weather Information Network (Co-WIN) in 2016-17 as well as the objectives and specific estimates for promoting Co-WIN in 2016-17.

Asked by: Dr Hon KWOK Ka-ki (Member Question No. 87)

Reply:

The Community Weather Information Network (Co-WIN) is a joint public education initiative between the Hong Kong Observatory (HKO) and the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Network members share weather observation data through a platform on the Internet for real-time public dissemination. In 2016-2017, Co-WIN will organise the “Weather Observation Investigative Study and Weather Photos Competition” to encourage students to carry out first-hand weather observations, so as to broaden their knowledge of weather and climate. HKO carries out such work with existing resources. As the expenditure has been subsumed into the provision for HKO, it is difficult to quantify it separately.

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