

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (168) Hong Kong Observatory

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Programme: Not specified

Controlling Officer: Director of the Hong Kong Observatory (SHUN Chi-ming)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development

Question:

1. In the past 3 years, how many school visits were received by the Hong Kong Observatory (HKO) and how many outreach activities were arranged for schools? Please use the table below to provide information.

Year	Number of school visits received				Number of outreached activities for schools			
	Kindergarten	Primary School	Secondary School	Special School	Kindergarten	Primary School	Secondary School	Special School
2018								
2017								
2016								

2. How many requests for school visits did HKO receive in each of the past 3 years? If there were cases when such requests were rejected, what was the common reason?

3. How many requests did HKO receive in each of the past 3 years for arranging outreach activities for schools? If there were cases when such requests which were rejected, what was the common reason?

Asked by: Hon IP Kin-yuen (LegCo internal reference no.: 163)

Reply:

The Hong Kong Observatory (HKO) received 171 school visits and arranged 85 outreach activities for schools in the past 3 years (2016-2018). Details are as follows:

Year	Number of school visits				Number of outreach activities for schools			
	Kindergarten	Primary School	Secondary School	Special School	Kindergarten	Primary School	Secondary School	Special School
2018	5	18	28	4	0	9	17	1
2017	11	19	30	1	0	14	6	0
2016	13	11	28	3	0	19	17	2

From 2016 to 2018, HKO received applications for visits from 112, 123 and 86 schools (including kindergartens, primary schools, secondary schools and special schools) respectively. Due to site limitations, HKO arranged visits for schools selected by way of drawing lots.

HKO received 85 requests for arranging outreach activities for schools from 2016 to 2018. All such requests were accepted.

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