

Secretary for Home Affairs on Sunbeam Theatre Tenancy Renewal

Following is the transcript of remarks (English portion) made by the Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Tsang Tak-sing, at a stand-up media session after attending a Radio programme today (February 21):

Reporter: about the Sunbeam Theatre lease renewal ...

Secretary for Home Affairs: We have been doing a lot for Cantonese Opera in Hong Kong. If you are referring to the Sunbeam Theatre specifically, we understand that there will be substantial rental increase under the new lease. We are thinking of subsidising the Sunbeam Theatre, through the Arts Development Council, about a hundred thousand dollars per month. In addition, we are also trying to find sponsors who are willing to subsidise Cantonese Opera to be staged in Sunbeam Theatre.

Reporter: ...

Secretary for Home Affairs: We think it will be sufficient to sustain for the three-year lease.

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