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Question : As regards paragraph 6, please set out specifically how to enhance the Hong Kong-Macao-Pearl River Delta Information Database.

Asked by : Hon. LEE Wing-tat

Reply :

The Hong Kong-Macao-Pearl River Delta (PRD) Information Database (the Database) is an intranet information system for inter-departmental use within the HKSAR Government. It provides reference materials and statistical data on cross-boundary infrastructures as well as town planning and development of cities in the Pearl River Delta Economic Region. The purpose of the Database is to provide the concerned government officials with easy access to such information for the purpose of research and studies.

To enhance the functions of the present textual Database, we plan to have it remodelled on a Geographic Information System within this year. The new Database will have a more effective and user-friendly search function and a better data security system. It will also include more reference materials (e.g. study reports and statistical data) pertinent to the development of the Pan-PRD Region. This will help broaden our knowledge of the Region's infrastructure development and land use planning as well as their implications on Hong Kong's development.

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