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Question : Is there any plan to introduce certain indicators for measuring the performance of the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) in promoting indoor air quality improvement? If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by : Hon. CHOY So-yuk

Reply : The Government has implemented a voluntary Indoor Air Quality Certification Scheme (Certification Scheme) since September 2003 to promote good indoor air quality among buildings used as offices and public places. Within the Government, the implementation of this Certification Scheme is coordinated by EPD. Under the Certification Scheme, office buildings and public places meeting "good" and "excellent" levels can be issued a corresponding certificate by qualified personnel. The number of certificates issued and public awareness of the importance of indoor air quality can reflect the successfulness of the Certification Scheme. So far, 24 and 2 certificates have been issued to buildings meeting "good" and "excellent" levels of indoor air quality respectively. In 2003, the Indoor Air Quality Centre responded to 600 enquiries and received 6,649 visitors. Furthermore 46,339 visitors browsed the web pages of the Indoor Air Quality Centre on Internet.

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