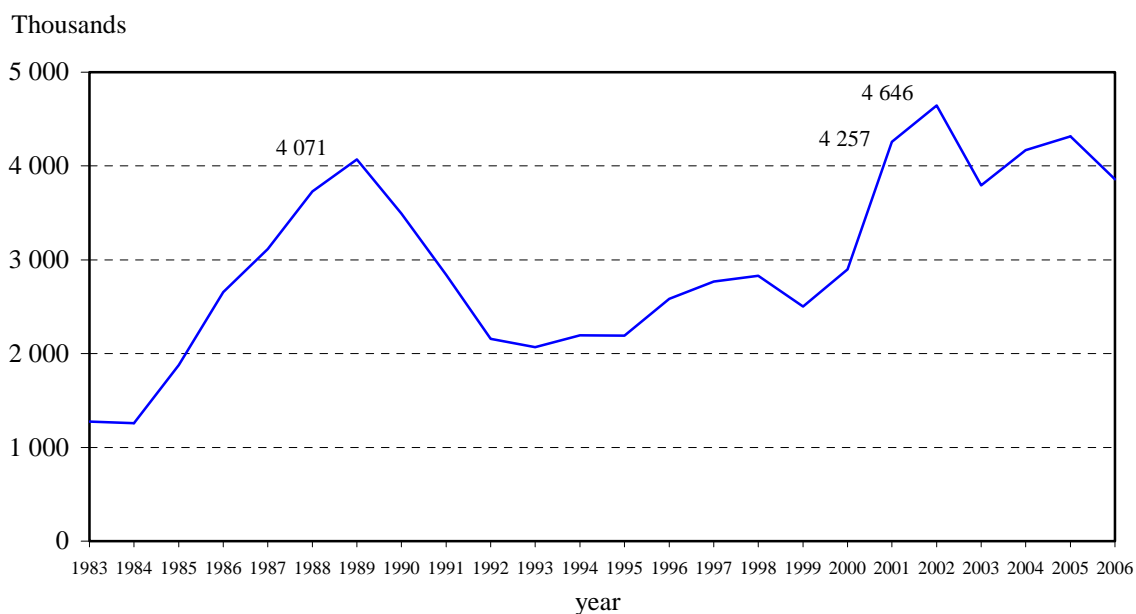


Attendance at Museums Reaches Higher and Higher Levels

- Since the beginning of the 1980s, the attendance at museums has increased every year with the number of visitors reaching 4.07 million in 1989.
- In the early 1990s, the figure dropped, partly because some exhibition halls were temporarily closed for maintenance and some began to charge admission fees.
- With the opening of several new museums between 2000 and 2006, the attendance at museums went up again in 2000 and hit record highs of 4.26 million and 4.65 million in 2001 and 2002 respectively.
- Currently, there are 16 museums managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD). Apart from special exhibitions and the Space Theatre of the Hong Kong Space Museum, admission to all general exhibitions is free on Wednesdays.

Attendance at the LCSD's Museums



Note : Museums currently under the LCSD's management were managed by the Urban Services Department and the Regional Services Department before 2000.

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