

<b>Thematic Arts Festival</b> (Note 1)				
Expenditure Items	2008-09 (New Vision Arts Festival)	2007-08 (Mediterranean Arts Festival)	2006-07 (New Vision Arts Festival)	2005-06 (Latin Passion Festival)
Funding Foreign Art Groups (Note 2)	\$8,122,987	\$11,238,633 (Note 4)	\$5,643,098	\$8,673,877
Funding Local Art Groups (Note 2)	\$2,982,913 (Note 5)	\$608,822 (Note 5)	\$3,345,984	\$1,292,863
Publicity and Promotion (Note 3)	\$1,931,248	\$2,052,832	\$1,921,792	\$1,915,255
Remunerations	\$2,095,131	\$1,770,584	\$1,854,562	\$1,781,491
Others	\$607,295	\$693,400	\$357,484	\$309,212
Total	\$15,739,574	\$16,364,271	\$13,122,920	\$13,972,698

- (Note 1) since the “World’s Cultures” festival series (i.e. Latin Passion Festival in 2005-06 and Mediterranean Arts Festival in 2007-08) was introduced in 2005, it has been presented in alternate years with “New Vision Arts Festival”. Due to the difference in theme and nature of this festival series, more visiting arts groups were featured in 2005-06 and 2007-08 to showcase distinctive programmes representative of different cultures of the world, whereas more local arts groups were featured in the New Vision Arts Festival in 2006-07 and 2008-09.
- (Note 2) including direct production costs, printing costs of publicity materials (e.g. posters, leaflets, etc.) and house programmes, as well as miscellaneous costs (excluding notional hiring costs and ticketing charges).
- (Note 3) mainly advertising costs.
- (Note 4) the substantial increase in expenditure on visiting arts groups in 2007-08 was due to the drastic rise in the exchange rate of Euro and the increase in market prices of hotel, airfare and various outsourced services.
- (Note 5) see Note 1. In addition, except for special commissioned programmes in the New Vision Arts Festival in 2008-09, the major performing arts groups participated in the festivals by contributing programmes since 2007-08 and their related expenditure was not accounted for in the festival budgets.