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Question:

- a) What are the estimated expenditure and expected number of participants of the 4th Hong Kong Games to be held in April 2013?
- b) What are the methods of selection for athletes participating in the eight competition events of the 4th Hong Kong Games to be held in April 2013?

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Reply:

- a) It is expected that the 4th Hong Kong Games (HKG) will attract over 3 000 athletes and over 300 000 members of the public to participate in the various community involvement and publicity programmes. The estimated expenditure for the 4th HKG is about \$25 million.
- b) The 18 District Councils (DCs) are responsible for selecting athletes residing in the districts to participate in the HKG competitions. Each athlete can only represent one district. To enhance the transparency of the athlete selection process, an open and standardised selection mechanism has been drawn up with the advice of the Independent Commission Against Corruption for the 18 DCs to follow. Selection is based on either the results of open competitions (for badminton, basketball, futsal, table tennis, tennis and volleyball) or by making reference to the athletes' achievements in recognised competitions (for athletics and swimming).

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