

COMMUNITY SPORTS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 20th Meeting of the Community Sports Committee

Date: 22 September 2009 (Tuesday)
Time: 10:30 am
Venue: Conference Room I, Home Affairs Bureau, 41/F, Revenue Tower,
5 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong

Present: Mr CHAU How-chen (Chairman)
Mr TONG Wai-lun (Vice-chairman)
Mr Daniel CHAM Ka-hung
Mrs Susana CHAN LO Yin-bing
Mr Norman CHAN Shui-tim
Mr Francis CHAU Yin-ming
Mr CHENG Shu-ming
Mr Cowen B C CHIU
Mr Alan CHOW Yiu-ming
Mr James KONG Tze-wing
Mr FUNG Kwong-chung
Mr Benedict LEE Shui-sing
Mr LIU Ah-chuen
Dr LO Wing-lok
Mr Lawrence LO Wing-man
Mr PUI Kwan-kay
Mr YEUNG Hoi-cheung
Mr George YIP Chi-wai
Prof LEUNG Mee-lee

Department Representatives in Regular Attendance

Ms Olivia CHAN Yeuk-oi	(Representative from Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Mr Benjamin MOK Kwan-yu	(Representative from Home Affairs Bureau)
Dr Regina CHING Cheuk-tuen	(Representative from Department of Health)
Mr LAI Yiu-keung	(Representative from Education Bureau)
Ms Olivia YIP Wai-ling	(Representative from Social Welfare Department)
Ms Iris YICK Pui-yin	(Representative from Home Affairs Department)

Absent with Apologies

Ms CHAU Chuen-heung
Mr Kenny CHOW Kun-wah
Prof CHEUNG Siu-yin
Mrs Laura LING LAU Yuet-fun
Mr Raphael TONG Tai-wai

In Attendance

Mrs Betty FUNG CHING Suk-ye	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Mr Bobby CHENG Kam-wing	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Mrs Kane LI CHOI Wing-kwan	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Ms LAM Sau-ha	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Ms LOK Kit-ha	(Secretary) (Leisure and Cultural Services Department)

Opening Remarks

1.1 The Chairman welcomed all Members and representatives from various government departments to the meeting. He also welcomed Mrs Betty FUNG CHING Suk-ye, JP, Mr Bobby CHENG Kam-wing and Mr Benjamin MOK Kwan-yu, who had taken up the posts of Director of Leisure and Cultural Services, Deputy Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Leisure Services) and Principal Assistant Secretary (Home Affairs)(Recreation and Sport) respectively. On behalf of the Community Sports Committee (CSC), he thanked Mr Thomas CHOW Tat-ming, JP, Mr Vincent LIU Ming-kwong, JP, and Ms Janet WONG Chin-kiu, who were ex-Director of Leisure and Cultural Services, ex-Deputy Director of Leisure and Cultural Services and ex-Principal Assistant Secretary for Home Affairs respectively, for their contribution to the CSC.

1.2 Mrs Betty FUNG, Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (DLCS), said that the CSC had done a lot of work in the past, including the completion of the Study on the Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activities. The Study Report provided important data and development strategies for further promotion of community sports, and was highly valued by the public and media. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) would try its best to co-ordinate its recreation and sports activities and facilities in order to implement the recommendations of the Study Report and promote Sport for All. The CSC also completed the report on review of the 2nd Hong Kong Games (HKG), which had been held successfully. She hoped that the next HKG would be an even bigger success under the leadership of the CSC.

Item 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of Last Meeting of the CSC

2.1 The draft minutes of the 19th meeting was sent to Members for comment by fax on 3 September by the Secretariat and hitherto proposed amendments were received from the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) and Education Bureau (EDB). The amended draft minutes was faxed to Members on 15 September. The Chairman asked Members to refer to the proposed amendments tabled at the meeting. As no further amendment was proposed at the meeting, the Chairman announced that the minutes of the 19th meeting was endorsed.

Item 2: Matters Arising

Report on the Follow-up Action Plan on Study on Sport for All – the Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activities

3.1 The Chairman invited Dr LO Wing-lok, convener of the Task Force to Follow up on the Study Report on the Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activities, to report the progress of the Follow-up Action Plan.

3.2 Dr LO Wing-lok reported that the paper on the Follow-up Action Plan on Study on Sport for All – the Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activities had been endorsed at the tenth meeting of the Sports Commission held on 18 August 2009. The Study generated a model on the promotion of “Sport for All”, which emphasised the importance of “education”, “services” and “participation” in achieving the ultimate objective of “Sport for All”. The Action Plan would be implemented in two phases, starting with “public education”. The message of the importance and benefits of regular participation in sport and physical activities would be disseminated and promoted to the public through collaboration among major stakeholders in the community. The Study recommended enhancement of “services” and provision of more diversified recreation and sports activities and facilities in Phase II to encourage wider public participation in sports and physical activities. Dr LO said that Phase I of the Plan had started in June 2009. The work included: introducing the findings of the Study and specific follow-up work to the Chairmen of the 18 District Councils (DCs) and the Chairmen of the relevant Committees under the 18 DCs on 17 June, and enlisting the support of the DCs; staging the “Fitness for All in Support of EAG” day on 8 August 2009 in designated sports centres throughout the territory, which attracted over 10 000 participants; holding a press conference in Kowloon Park Sports Centre on 2 September 2009 to promulgate the findings of the Study and follow-up work. Besides, starting from October 2009, the LCSD would introduce the findings of the Study and follow-up work to the 18 DCs and various stakeholders, and produce publicity brochures. The LCSD would organise large-scale sports carnivals in the 18 districts in early 2010 to disseminate further information and messages about the benefits of sport and physical activities. Phase II of

the Plan mainly focused on reviewing existing recreation and sports programmes and facilities. The LCSD already started to consult the relevant National Sports Associations (NSAs) with a view to designing a wider range of activities to cater for people of different ages.

3.3 Mr TONG Wai-lun, Vice-chairman, stated that the Hong Kong Badminton Association (HKBA) strongly supported the organisation of parent-child training courses together with the LCSD in Phase II. He further said that the HKBA had organised parent-child competitions in the past with satisfactory response. He hoped that the LCSD and NSAs would design more new activities, particularly parent-child training courses, to alleviate the problem of child obesity.

3.4 The Chairman thanked the HKBA for its support. Since many CSC Members came from the DCs and NSAs, he hoped that Members would give more suggestions and ideas to encourage members of the public to actively participate in sports for further promotion of the culture of Sport for All.

Item 3: Report of the 2nd Hong Kong Games Organising Committee (CSC Paper 3/09)

4.1 The Chairman said that the 2nd Hong Kong Games Organising Committee (OC) had reviewed various arrangements for the 2nd HKG at its fifth meeting held on 29 July. He invited Mrs Kane LI CHOI Wing-kwan, Secretary General of the OC, to brief Members on CSC Paper 3/09 by PowerPoint, and asked Members to refer to the information tabled at the meeting.

4.2 Mrs Kane LI CHOI Wing-kwan briefed Members on CSC Paper 3/09. The Chairman invited Members to give their views on the paper.

4.3 Members gave their views on the paper. Their views and responses were summarised as follows:

- (a) Mr Daniel CHAM Ka-hung gave the following recommendations for the OC's consideration:
 - (i) he recommended that the next HKG should maintain its present positioning as an event for the promotion of "Sport for All". To further promote Sport for All in the community, he recommended that the 18 districts should formulate their plans or targets for the promotion of Sport for All to encourage active participation by various organisations and bodies in the community and more awards

should be granted in the HKG to commend the districts which met their targets or had the greatest number of participating bodies;

- (ii) he recommended that football competition should be added and five-a-side football competition might be considered;
 - (iii) he strongly supported the suggestion of setting up of seeded teams. As regards the suggestion of adding the “Most Gold Medals” or “Most Medals” awards, he was of the view that as swimming and athletics had the greatest numbers of races, districts which achieved better results in these two sports would have a greater chance of winning the awards. He suggested granting “Greatest Progress” award to commend the district which made the greatest progress;
 - (iv) he agreed that publicity work for the 3rd HKG should start as early as possible to create an atmosphere in the community, and recommended that information on the webpage should be enriched to help promote the HKG; and
 - (v) he recommended that more resources should be allocated to the 18 DCs so that they could start selecting and training athletes as early as possible.
- (b) Ms Olivia CHAN Yeuk-oi of the LCSD thanked Mr CHAM for his recommendations. She said that the OC of the next HKG would study in detailed ways to enhance community participation and encourage more people to directly or indirectly participate in various promotional activities of the HKG.
- (c) Mr Francis CHAU Yin-ming remarked that the HKG this year had achieved outstanding results with wider participation than the previous one. He asked for the numbers of spectators of various activities for future reference. As regards Mr CHAM’s recommendation of promoting Sport for All in the community, he said that when Sai Kung District Council joined the Pilot Scheme on District Facilities Management, it attempted to set sports targets for the district, which, however, could not be implemented because of experience. He supported the suggestions of studying in detailed ways to set targets at the district level for promoting Sport for All, encouraging more people to participate in sports regularly by various means and presenting awards at the HKG. On resources, he hoped that the OC would inform the DCs as early as possible of the arrangements regarding resources to facilitate

their provision of or seeking additional resources to strengthen training for respective district teams. He agreed that the 3rd HKG OC should be formed in the first quarter of 2010 so that various kinds of work could commence as early as possible. On publicity, he opined that publicity in buses and the Mass Transit Railway should be enhanced and that publicity through elite athletes achieved satisfactory results. He suggested that such publicity methods should be continued and enhanced for the next HKG.

- (d) Mr FUNG Kwong-chung congratulated the OC on its successful organisation of the 2nd HKG and strongly supported the positioning of the 3rd HKG and the target of further promoting a strong sporting culture in the community. Regarding the suggestion of including volleyball and football events in the next HKG, he opined that football was indispensable, and as the District Football Teams Training Scheme and Young Athletes Football Training Scheme organised by the Hong Kong Football Association had achieved satisfactory results since its implementation in the early years, he recommended including football event and increasing the training hours. On the eligibility requirements for athletes, he suggested that people studying or working in an individual district should be allowed to compete in the HKG for that district. On publicity, he agreed that lamp-post buntings and words in bigger size should be used for better effects.
- (e) Mr Benedict LEE Shui-sing said that the HKG this year achieved satisfactory results with an increase of 80% of participating athletes as compared with the previous one. However, in view of the limited number of participating athletes and in order to achieve the aims of promoting Sport for All and developing a strong sporting culture, he considered that it was more important to encourage more members of the public to actively participate in the HKG. Nowadays, Internet browsing was common among the youth. He enquired about the data on the HKG webpage being browsed by the youth and the general public. To make the webpage more appealing, he recommended uploading the results, photos and videos of the competition events to the webpage and organising photo and video competitions during the HKG. He also recommended producing promotional video clips to introduce the competition events and rules after completion of the HKG. This was to enhance the public's knowledge of the competition events and to encourage the public to browse the webpage and actively participate in the activities of the HKG.
- (f) Mrs Kane LI CHOI Wing-kwan, Secretary General, said that she did not have such data. Ms Olivia CHAN Yeuk-oi of the LCSD agreed that the

information on the HKG webpage should be enriched to arouse the public interest in participating in the HKG. The HKG webpage was updated on a daily basis currently. She stated that more resources would be sought for the next HKG to enhance publicity on the webpage.

- (g) Mr TONG Wai-lun, Vice-chairman, said that the HKG this year had received a sponsorship of one million dollars, which was very satisfactory. With the growing popularity of the HKG and an increase of participants by folds, he opined that it might attract more sponsors. He recommended that the next OC should strive for more resources by increasing its manpower to seek more sponsorship, such as sponsorship for athletes' uniforms and drinks.

4.4 The Chairman thanked Members for their views, particularly the suggestion of enriching the webpage, which would be referred to the 3rd HKG OC for thorough consideration.

Item 4: Introduction on Development of School Sports under Senior Secondary Curriculum

5.1 The Chairman invited Mr LAI Yiu-keung, the Chief Curriculum Development Officer (Physical Education) of the EDB, to introduce the development of school sports under the Senior Secondary Curriculum (SSC) to Members by PowerPoint and invited Members to refer to the materials provided at the meeting.

5.2 Mr LAI Yiu-keung introduced the development of school sports under the SSC and provided at the meeting a leaflet on the New Senior Secondary Curriculum (Physical Education), DVD on Senior Secondary PE Elective, New Academic Structure Parents' Handbook and Hong Kong 2009 East Asian Games Learning and Teaching Package for Members' reference, and Physical Education (Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education) Learning and Teaching Package for the Secretariat's reference.

5.3 Members gave their views on the development of school sports. Their views and responses were summarised as follows:

- (a) Mr Daniel CHAM said that currently Form 1 to Form 7 students had to take Physical Education (PE) courses. Under the New Senior Secondary Curriculum (NSSC), PE would become an elective subject and students would decide whether to take it based on the requirement of the university which they selected to attend in future. If the university did not have such a requirement, students would be less motivated to take PE courses, thus

reducing their chances of taking part in sports.

- (b) Mr LAI Yiu-keung of the EDB responded that under the SSC, all students were required to take General Physical Education (GPE), so they would have more chances of taking part in sports. Apart from GPE, PE (HKCEE) was a subject in the Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination (HKCEE) under the old curriculum. About 30 schools offered the subject and about 600 students sat for the HKCEE every year. Under the New Academic Structure, apart from GPE, students might take PE Elective, i.e. PE (Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education) (HKDSE), which was recognised as one of the requirements for entering a university. Currently, about 70 schools offered PE (HKDSE). He said that whether schools offered a particular elective subject depended on the number of their teaching staff, interests of their students, inter-school co-operation, etc. It was believed that more schools would offer the above PE Elective in future. Besides, Applied Learning and Liberal Studies included sports learning elements and the newly introduced Student Learning Profile (SLP) could record and identify students' achievements in sports. Other than results in public examinations, universities would refer to the SLP. Overall, the conditions of the development of school sports were far more desirable than before, which were beneficial to the promotion of Sport for All.
- (c) Mr LIU Ah-chuen was of the view that under the NSSC, sports promotion should be pursued in three directions. Firstly, PE (HKCEE) should be promoted continuously. Secondly, PE courses should be utilised to achieve the aim of sports promotion. Currently, secondary students attended PE courses for about 80 minutes every week, falling below the ultimate target proposed in the study that they should exercise for 30 minutes every day. He suggested that incentives such as the introduction of a school-based sports culture should be provided to motivate secondary schools to work together. He took his school as an example, where rope skipping for all was promoted and physical training was included in the school-based curriculum to elicit students' interests in taking part in sports. Thirdly, sports should be promoted through Other Learning Experiences. As PE courses and PE (HKCEE) were at different levels, new senior secondary students should be provided with a wide range of activities to increase their interests, but schools must allot school hours to tie in with the arrangement. Currently, students had serious problems of obesity and their physical strength was far from satisfactory. He was of the view that the NSSC could provide more room for the promotion of Sport for All. The current PE curriculum should be improved to encourage schools to promote a sports

culture and NSAs should be invited to organise school-wide activities for schools so as to promote sports in schools.

- (d) Mr George YIP, the Chairman of the Hong Kong DanceSport Association and a certified public accountant, was of the view that quite a lot of students had the misconception that PE was not important for those who intended to join the commercial sector. He took his job of accountant as an example, which required sufficient physical strength to deal with pressure from work. Dancesport also served as a means of communication between him and the commercial sector in Mainland China, so he hoped that schools would disseminate the message to students that sports were important for their career development in the commercial sector in future.
- (e) Mr LAI Yiu-keung of the EDB thanked Members for their valuable opinions. The EDB encouraged schools to offer elective subjects based on the interests and preferences of their students, who should take elective subjects according to their interests. He fully agreed that a school-based sports culture should be promoted. The New Academic Structure offered more choices for students, who could take elective subjects in view of their interests. Regarding school hours, all schools adopted the proposal of the Curriculum Development Council in providing sufficient school hours. Currently, the EDB suggested that schools should provide two or three PE sessions every week or cycle. Due to the school campus, teaching manpower or other restraints, some schools were unable to provide three PE sessions, but they could extend the hours of each PE session in view of their particular circumstances. Further, he recognised the importance of sports while universities also attached high value to the SLP. Finally, he reflected that dancing, particularly dancesport was very well-received in schools. However, due to the limitations on the use of venues, currently it was difficult for dancing programmes to further develop in schools in Hong Kong and he hoped that the LCSD would provide greater flexibility under the existing policies.
- (f) Mr CHENG Shu-ming, a member of the councils of secondary/primary school(s), was often requested by parents of Form 4 or Form 5 students to reduce the number of extra-curricular activities and increase the hours of revision class so as to cope with the HKCEE. He said that since the 1970s and 1980s, the promotion of school sports had not been supported by parents. He hoped that the CSC would give advice on how to explain the importance of promotion of extra-curricular activities to parents. Further, he reflected that promotion of these activities met with great success in Primary 3/4, but

the results were far from satisfactory in secondary schools. He wanted to understand the reasons.

- (g) Prof LEUNG Mee-lee was of the view that it was due to the influence of social culture. Since the 1960s, parents had not supported sports. She said that the New Senior Secondary Academic Structure offered an opportunity. In response to the NSSC, the Hong Kong Baptist University successfully obtained two credit points for sports this year and other subjects also received more attention. In addition to parents, she suggested helping principals of secondary schools and heads of universities understand the importance of sports and not to focus only on external results.
- (h) Mr LAI Yiu-keung of the EDB agreed that attitudes of parents were very important. He said that in response to the changes arising from the New Academic Structure and Curriculum, the EDB organised parents' meetings and shot several APIs on various themes in addition to the publication of the Parents' Handbook. Further, the EDB held a series of workshops for teachers in schools in preparation for the planning and implementation of the NSSC. As the New Academic Structure was newly implemented, it was impossible to see all its effects immediately. Curriculum reform must be promoted with continuous efforts. When necessary, the EDB was very pleased to go to individual schools to introduce the benefits of the NSSC and importance of sports development to parents.
- (i) Mr CHENG Shu-ming was of the view that principals were mainly under the influence of parents. If the EDB disseminated the message to parents that taking PE was beneficial to getting a place at university, it would help enlist their support for the promotion of sports.
- (j) Dr LO Wing-lok hoped to understand how many students took PE (HKDSE) under the New Academic Structure and Curriculum. If there were not many students taking this subject, was there any inter-district/inter-school arrangement or support from the EDB to help students take this subject? Further, he agreed that if taking PE was beneficial to getting a place at university, this would attract more students to do so. He, therefore, suggested that the status of PE be raised to encourage more students to take PE.
- (k) Mr LAI Yiu-keung of the EDB said that the public might understand the new senior secondary subjects offered by schools through school profiles and the EDB's website. Currently, the EDB did not have any data on the number

of students taking PE (HKDSE), but it planned to distribute questionnaires to schools in October and November to understand the enrolment situations of students. The relevant information could be provided for Members' reference in due course. Regarding support, currently the EDB provided schools with the Diversity Learning Grant to encourage them to offer elective subjects, which normally attracted smaller numbers of students, and adopted a mode of inter-school co-operation to offer elective subjects jointly but this had to tie in with timetable arrangements. Further, to support teachers teaching the new subjects, in addition to the provision of learning and teaching packages and training courses, the EDB formed learning circles to arrange for teachers teaching those subjects to meet regularly and share their teaching experiences and organised inter-school collaborative lesson planning so as to help teachers face the challenges under the New Academic Structure. He said that the EDB would organise a workshop on "Active and Healthy Lifestyle" in February 2010 and hoped to invite Dr LO Wing-lok and Dr Regina CHING to attend the workshop and share their experiences. He also hoped that Members could support the promotion of school sports continuously.

- (1) Mr TONG Wai-lun, Vice-chairman, said that in recent years many members of the Hong Kong Teams had come from famous schools. He thought that the climate of disregarding the importance of sports was somewhat improved. He hoped that Members would continue with their efforts to promote sports in schools.

5.4 The Chairman thanked Members for their views and agreed that the New Academic Structure helped promote Sport for All. He hoped that the EDB would refer to the opinions of Members and continue to enhance the development of school sports.

Item 5: Any Other Business

6.1 The Chairman thanked Members for attending the meeting and said that the next 21st meeting scheduled for November would be postponed to early 2010 due to the organisation of the Hong Kong 2009 East Asian Games in December. The Secretariat would inform Members of the date of the next meeting in due course.

Adjournment of Meeting

7.1 The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Community Sports Committee Secretariat
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