

Community Sports Committee
Preparatory Work for the 7th Hong Kong Games

Objectives

This paper briefs Members on the preparatory work for the 7th Hong Kong Games (HKG).

Background

2. To further promote the “Sport for All” culture in the community, the Sports Commission (SC) and its Community Sports Committee (CSC), in collaboration with the 18 District Councils (DCs), the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC), and the relevant National Sports Associations (NSAs), have organised the HKG biennially since 2007. It is a territory-wide major multi-sport event in Hong Kong with the 18 DCs as the participating units. Its objectives are to provide districts with more opportunities for sports participation, exchanges and co-operation, encourage active public participation in sports, and improve sporting standards at the district level, thus helping to strengthen the public’s sense of belonging to the district they live in, foster the communication and friendship between the 18 districts, and promote community cohesion.

3. The 6th HKG was held from 23 April to 28 May 2017 with a total of 3 269 athletes from the 18 districts participating in the competition events of eight sports, namely athletics, badminton, basketball, futsal, swimming, table tennis, tennis, and volleyball. The total number of spectators at competitions and participants of the related public participation activities exceeded 500 000, representing an increase of some 20 per cent as compared with that in the 5th HKG. Since its first launch in 2007, HKG has become a major biennial sports event in Hong Kong and the numbers of athletes and members of public participating in HKG has shown encouraging increases. A summary of the 6th HKG was made to CSC at its 43th meeting on 31 August last year. The Committee’s views consolidated by LCSD will be submitted to the 7th Hong Kong Games Organising Committee (OC) to be formed shortly for consideration.

The 7th Hong Kong Games

4. The 7th HKG will be held in 2019. The 7th OC will be formed shortly to oversee and coordinate the work of HKG. Its members will include representatives from CSC, the 18 DCs, SF&OC, the relevant NSAs, the Home Affairs Bureau and LCSD.

5. The first meeting of the 7th OC is planned to be held in March 2018 to decide on the sports events, competition rules and regulations, eligibility requirements for athletes, selection mechanism and so forth in the first half of 2018, so that the 18 DCs can conduct open selection of eligible athletes representing their districts in HKG and arrange pre-event training as early as possible to get prepared for this HKG. Apart from developing comprehensive strategies on publicity and public engagement to gain public support and participation, the OC will also report to the CSC on the progress of the preparatory work on a regular basis.

Presentation

6. Members are invited to note the preparatory work for the 7th HKG.

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