

## COMMUNITY SPORTS COMMITTEE

### Minutes of the 25th Meeting of the Community Sports Committee

**Date:** 26 July 2011 (Tuesday)  
**Time:** 10:30 am  
**Venue:** Conference Room I, Home Affairs Bureau, 41/F, Revenue Tower,  
5 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong

**Present:** Mr TONG Wai-lun (Chairman)  
Mr David YIP Wing-shing (Vice-chairman)  
Mr Daniel CHAM Ka-hung  
Mr CHENG Shu-ming  
Mr LAM Hong-wah  
Mrs Stella LAU KUN Lai-kuen  
Ms Peggy LEE Pik-yee  
Mr Philip LI Wing-kuen  
Dr LO Wing-lok  
Mr Raphael TONG Tai-wai  
Prof Stephen WONG Heung-sang  
Dr Simon YEUNG Sai-mo  
Mr CHU King-yuen  
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 Chuek-tuen (Representative from Department of Health)  
Mr HO Chun-ip (Representative from Education Bureau)  
Ms Olivia YIP Wai-ling (Representative from Social Welfare Department)

#### **Absent with Apologies**

Mr Henry CHAN Chi-chiu  
Mr LIU Ah-chuen  
Mr Lawrence LO Wing-man  
Mrs Cecilia WONG LAM Siu-ling  
Mr George YIP Chi-wai  
Mr WONG Man-Chung (Representative from Home Affairs Department)

## **In Attendance**

Mr Bobby CHENG Kam-wing	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Ms Rebecca LOU Wai-yi	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Ms LUK Sau-chun	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Ms Annie KONG Yun-shan	(Home Affairs Bureau)

## **Secretary**

Ms LOK Kit-ha	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
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## **Opening Remarks**

1.1 The Chairman welcomed all Members and representatives from various government departments to the Meeting. He also welcomed Ms Stella LUK of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), who attended the meeting for the first time. On behalf of the Community Sports Committee (CSC), the Chairman congratulated Mr YIP, the Vice-chairman on having been awarded the Bronze Bauhinia Star by the Chief Executive on 1 July in 2011.

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

2.1 The draft minutes of the 24th meeting were emailed to Members for comment on 3 June by the Secretariat and hitherto one proposed amendment was received from the Department of Health. The amended draft minutes were emailed to Members on 21 July. The Chairman asked Members to refer to the proposed amendment tabled at the meeting. As no further amendment was proposed at the meeting, the Chairman announced that the minutes of the 24th meeting were endorsed.

## **Item 2: Matters Arising**

### **(i) Report of the Advisory Committee on the Healthy Exercise for All Campaign – Physical Fitness Test for the Community 2010-11**

3.1 The Chairman invited Dr LO Wing-lok, the Convenor of the Advisory Committee on the Physical Fitness Test for the Community 2010 (the Advisory Committee) to report the latest work progress of the Physical Fitness Test for the Community (the Physical Fitness Test).

3.2 Dr LO Wing-lok reported that the Advisory Committee had held its 4th meeting on 15 March 2011 and that the Secretariat had been actively undertaking follow-ups. A press conference to officially launch the second territory-wide Physical Fitness Test had

been held at Kowloon Park Sports Centre on 12 April. To enlist public support for the Test, the LCSD had rolled out a series of publicity activities, including distributing posters and leaflets and producing promotional video for broadcasting on “RoadShow” on public buses. The physical fitness tests for infants (aged 3 to 6), conducted by randomly selecting one kindergarten from each of the 18 districts in the territory, had collected some 500 samples. The tests for children (aged 7 to 12), completed with the assistance of the Education Bureau through randomly selecting 18 primary schools, had gathered some 2 800 samples. The tests for adolescents (aged 13 to 19), scheduled to take place after the beginning of the new school term in September 2011, would be held at 18 secondary schools, each of which would be randomly selected from each of the 18 districts. Regarding the Stage I pilot test for adults (aged 20 to 59) and seniors (aged 60 to 69) conducted through a territory-wide household survey, data collection had been completed at the end of June. 1 048 randomly selected household respondents had successfully completed the questionnaire, and half of them had expressed willingness to take the physical fitness tests at designated venues. However, only 232 respondents had actually attended the tests, equivalent to a participation rate of about 22%. Currently, the Secretariat was studying the review reports submitted by professional agents and was formulating recommendations for improving the implementation plan of Stage II. In view of the unsatisfactory attendance at the physical fitness tests in the pilot test of Stage I, there was a need to revise the plan to increase the sample size and boost participation. One possible option would be to adopt a household-based approach, under which all adults and seniors in the selected households would be invited to complete the questionnaire and attend the physical fitness tests. The revised plan would be discussed at the 5th meeting of the Advisory Committee scheduled for early August.

3.3 Ms Olivia CHAN of the LCSD added that if the Advisory Committee considered that the proposed revised plan would be effective in collecting representative samples, then the mode of operation of Stage I would continue to be adopted for completing the data collection work for the age groups of adults and seniors. However, if the Advisory Committee decided, on grounds of cost-effectiveness or for other reasons, to cancel the territory-wide household survey and physical fitness tests in Stage II, then the convenience sampling method adopted in 2005 would be re-adopted for the remaining data gathering work.

3.4 The Chairman said that to ensure the smooth implementation of the work relating to the Physical Fitness Test, he authorised the Advisory Committee to undertake the relevant work according to the plan resolved at its 5th meeting and to report the progress to the CSC subsequently.

(Post-meeting note: The 5th meeting of the Advisory Committee was held on 4 August 2011.

Members of the Advisory Committee agreed that the mode of operation of Stage I would be re-adopted for the age groups of adults (aged 20 to 59) and seniors (aged 60 to 69). Starting from mid-August, households would be randomly selected from the 18 districts in Hong Kong to participate in the territory-wide household survey and physical fitness tests in Stage II. However, in the light of the respondents' lukewarm response as shown in the pilot test (with a test attendance rate of only 22%), the Advisory Committee resolved, after discussion, that specific enhancement measures would need to be taken for the implementation of Stage II. Such measures would include increasing the number of successfully interviewed households from the original 3 000 to 6 500 so that enough samples of respondents (who would also attend the physical fitness tests) could be collected for data analysis. With a view to raising the number of participants in the physical fitness tests, not only would the respondents be asked to attend the tests, the adult and senior members of the family would also be invited to do so. In addition, the contractor would be asked to intensify its efforts to introduce, through visual design, the content of the physical fitness tests to the respondents so as to attract them to take the tests. It was believed that the above measures, coupled with other enhancement measures such as increasing the number of test sessions and venues, and stepping up publicity, could help boost the participation rate, bring the sample collection and research work for the age groups of adults and seniors to successful completion, reflect the fitness state of people in the two age groups, and make the overall report on the Physical Fitness Test more comprehensive and representative.)

### **Item 3: Report of the 3rd Hong Kong Games Organising Committee (CSC Paper 3/11)**

4.1 The Chairman invited Ms Rebecca LOU, Secretary General of the 3rd Hong Kong Games Organising Committee (HKGOC), to brief Members on CSC Paper 3/11.

4.2 Ms Rebecca LOU briefed Members on CSC Paper 3/11. 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 opined that the 3rd HKG had been more successful and had achieved greater publicity than the previous two HKGs. He suggested providing resources to enhance the loading speed of the HKG's dedicated website and to strengthen districts' competition facilities (such as provision of scoreboards) so that the public could be better informed of the results of the Games. He also recommended making the "Cheering Team Competition for the 18 Districts" an official HKG event, providing

athletes' uniforms for the cheerleaders, and including long-distance run, a very popular sports item, in the HKG so as to increase substantially the number of participants from each district and enhance community participation. In view of the ageing population, he proposed that consideration be given to organising more events that would be suitable for the elderly. Financially, given that the 3rd HKG's total expenditure of some \$21 million was the expenses at the headquarters level, he suggested collecting more financial information on the district level (such as sponsorship from District Councils (DCs)) in order to get a more comprehensive picture.

- (b) Mr CHENG Shu-ming suggested that since most HKG athletes were students, the Games should be timed to avoid clashing with the examination period in order to maximise students' participation and parents' support. For athletes who were called up to the Hong Kong squad to play at international competitions after having enrolled in the HKG, since they had yet to play in international competitions, he thought that they should remain eligible for the HKG so that they could have more training and competition opportunities to prepare for the international events. In regard to the "Dynamic Moments Photo Contest", he considered the promotion adequate but suggested refining the promotion directions. Given that some secondary schools had photographic societies, he proposed enhancing publicity and promotion work in secondary schools so as to encourage students' participation and promote the HKG.
- (c) Mr LAM Hong-wah remarked that the 3rd HKG had been held successfully. He recommended adding gradually to the HKG more competition events such as wushu, tai chi (for the elderly), and cycling and squash (where Hong Kong athletes excelled). He also suggested starting publicity work for the next HKG as early as possible and actively seeking commercial sponsorship in order to obtain more resources for organising more sports events. In addition, he proposed encouraging, through the Home Affairs Department, the DCs to deploy resources in support of the district teams taking part in the HKG so as to boost the enthusiasm and involvement of local communities.
- (d) Ms Peggy LEE regarded the achievements of the 3rd HKG as encouraging and said that publicity at the district level should be stepped up. To facilitate public involvement in the HKG, she recommended, by drawing

on Hong Kong's experience of staging the Olympic Equestrian Events and hosting the 2009 East Asian Games, that unofficial guidelines be issued to the DCs to encourage them to earmark funding for organising related activities during the HKG and that District Sports Associations (DSAs) and district organisations be encouraged to hold various events in support of the HKG. Furthermore, she considered the support of District Delegations important for athletes and suggested that the LCSD invite District Councillors and team leaders to visit the district teams preparing for the HKG in order to show support for the athletes and help bolster their morale.

- (e) Mr CHU King-yuen was supportive of including long-distance run in the HKG. He shared the experience of the Tai Po Sports Association, which annually organised a well-received 10-km run along the Tolo Harbour jogging track. As regards the promotion of the competition atmosphere, he thought that the preparation time was crucial. To enhance the competition atmosphere and athletes' participation, he proposed, in view of the tight time frames for preparing the previous HKGs, that the Organising Committee (OC) for the next HKG be set up as soon as possible for early finalisation of the competition events and the selection mechanism for athletes so that the district teams could finish selecting athletes one year ahead of the Games and spend half a year or more on pre-event training and preparation.
- (f) Mr Raphael TONG observed that the support for the district teams (including the formation of cheering teams, publicity in districts and working staff's remuneration) accounted for \$5.8 million out of the some \$21 million total expenditure of the 3rd HKG. Given that currently no auditor's report was required, he suggested engaging an auditor in the future to provide an auditor's report on the accounts in order to ensure their clarity and the proper handling of sponsorship. Furthermore, to confirm participants' residence in the district that they represented, he proposed heightening monitoring by verifying the proof of residence of a small number of athletes.
- (g) Ms Rebecca LOU responded that the funding support for district teams was not directly granted to the teams but was handled by staff of District Leisure Services Offices in accordance with the accounting and auditing procedures of the Government. As for sponsorship, the LCSD would comply with the relevant government guidelines in prudently handling the accounts concerned.

- (h) Dr Simon YEUNG supported the inclusion of tai chi in the HKG for the elderly. As one of the judges of the Cheering Team Competition, he described the atmosphere on the day of the competition as very encouraging and was in favour of providing athletes' uniforms for the cheerleaders to foster their team spirit. With respect to the Photo Contest, he agreed that more publicity and promotion should be carried out in schools in order to boost students' participation. Regarding the proposal for including long-distance run in the HKG, he said, as an elected officer of the Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association, that the Association was ready and willing to assume its role as a co-organiser.
- (i) Mr Bobby CHENG, Acting Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (DLCS(Atg)), thanked Members for their valuable views and suggestions, which would help improve the arrangements for the next HKG. He commented on the success of the 3rd HKG, citing the two new and well-received events of futsal and volleyball as a testament to the enhanced scale and popularity of the HKG. He said that the organising work for the next HKG would begin as soon as practicable, that consideration would be given to increasing the number of sports events subject to the availability of resources in each district, and that publicity work would continue to be stepped up. Besides, he agreed that the clarity of accounts was important. He said that the 3rd HKG's total expenditure of some \$21 million had been incurred as the internal spending of the Government and that it would be handled according to the Government's accounting and auditing procedures and be included in the annual Controlling Officer's Report for scrutiny by the Legislative Council. If funding was to be made available for non-government organisations for the next HKG, the organisations concerned would be required to provide auditors' reports for the purpose of the proper use of public money. Finally, he thanked Members for their valuable advice on the organisation of the 3rd HKG and hoped that the next HKG would be even more successful.

4.4 The Chairman remarked that the cash sponsorship from the Hong Kong Jockey Club and the performance by the People's Liberation Army Hong Kong Garrison at the opening ceremony had contributed to the success of the 3rd HKG. He thanked Members for their valuable opinions, which would be forwarded to the 4th HKGOC for deliberation. He also thanked Mr CHAU How-chen, Chairman of the 3rd HKGOC, and staff of the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) and the LCSO for their efforts in making the 3rd HKG a success.

#### **Item 4: The First Round of Thematic Household Survey in 2010 (Topic on Project Sports) (CSC Paper 4/11)**

5.1 The Chairman invited Ms Annie KONG of the HAB to introduce the content of CSC Paper 4/11 by PowerPoint.

5.2 Ms Annie KONG introduced the content of CSC Paper 4/11. Mr Benjamin MOK of the HAB added that the thematic survey, based primarily on the findings of the “Study on Sport for All - the Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activities” completed in 2008, had been conducted to facilitate the provision of more sports facilities and the lifting of the standard of sports facilities with a view to encouraging more active public participation in sports. In that regard, the survey had shed light on the public demand and preference for sports facilities, which would in turn serve as reference data for future directions and priorities concerning the provision of new sports facilities.

5.3 The Chairman invited Members to give their views on the paper. Members gave their views on the paper. Their views and responses were summarised as follows:

- (a) Mr Daniel CHAM commented that soccer and running activities were popular with the public. He was strongly in support of providing more third generation artificial turf soccer pitches and increasing substantially the number of sessions available for hiring. He also recommended the LCSD to provide more facilities for running such as by constructing jogging tracks in major parks, which would cost less than other sports facilities but benefit many members of the public.
- (b) Mrs Stella LAU asked whether the five new sports venues under planning (including the first item of a district open space, a sports centre and a library in Area 74, Tseung Kwan O and the last item of the Kai Tak Multi-purpose Stadium Complex) were listed in order of priority. Mr Benjamin MOK responded that the Administration was currently undertaking a number of sports facilities projects and that those five projects were accorded priority because they were in the greatest demand. He added that the project regarding a district open space, a sports centre and a library in Area 74, Tseung Kwan O, which had already been approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council, would involve building an indoor jogging track on the upper floor of the arena of the sports centre in order to provide an all weather venue for jogging activities. Apart from district sports facilities, the Government was actively following up the planning of the Kai Tak Multi-purpose Stadium Complex. The project, which was estimated to cost some \$20 billion

and would require a long planning time, was expected to be completed in 2019.

- (c) Mrs Stella LAU said that the Hong Kong delegation to the recent 11th All China Secondary School Students Games had achieved encouraging results in swimming. She pointed out that many volunteer trainers and teachers of the delegation had reflected that most students had had to train at private venues because of a lack of training venues in Hong Kong. She said that most elite athletes were students who had to pursue academic studies and sports training at the same time. Given that the new sports venues under planning were concentrated in the New Territories and that the Kai Tak Multi-purpose Stadium Complex would not be completed until 2019, she hoped that the Administration could provide students with training venues in accessible urban locations. She also hoped that the CSC could pay more attention to the needs of students, who, in her opinion, were also part of the community.
  
- (d) Mr Benjamin MOK added that the HAB was in the process of engaging a consultant to study the financing options and operation mode of the Kai Tak Multi-purpose Stadium Complex and would strive for resources for implementing the project. As regards the lack of training venues for school teams, he said that the Administration was currently dealing with the issue of private recreational leases. To encourage private clubs to open up their facilities for promoting sports development in Hong Kong, the Administration would, in negotiating the renewal of leases with clubs concerned, require them to make available some sessions for schools, National Sports Associations and DSAs to use their facilities. The Government would perform a co-ordinating role. He would report the progress of the related work to the CSC in due course.
  
- (e) Mr YIP, the Vice-chairman said that the parent-teacher associations and the school heads' association of the Central and Western District had also reflected the lack of sports facilities. He considered that the support from students, parents and schools was crucial to the promotion of "Sport for All" and that students also played a key role in promoting community sports. Given the limited urban land resources, it was difficult to find suitable land for building new sports facilities. Although the Government had been actively building community sports facilities and upgrading existing ones, it might not be able to gain thorough understanding of the local communities. He suggested the LCSD and

relevant departments conveying the message to the parent-teacher associations and the school heads' associations in different districts.

- (f) Mr Philip LI commented that Hong Kong people generally preferred the English Premier League to local soccer matches. Despite a large number of soccer pitches and basketball courts in the territory, Hong Kong did not perform well in those two events internationally. He thought that prioritising various sports facilities was very important. Given that most members of the public took part in sports for health reasons and that jogging and running were the most popular sports, he was in favour of constructing more jogging tracks and providing more sports facilities for students. Besides, he considered that the Government's current expenditure on sports development (\$9.2 billion on the construction of sports facilities) was too meagre in comparison with its total expenditure. He suggested allowing greater flexibility in the construction of new venues and facilities, such as increasing the area of a soccer pitch by constructing jogging tracks or other facilities around the pitch, so that different sports activities could be conducted in the same venue.
- (g) Mr Raphael TONG said that open spaces in parks were the facilities most frequently used by the public for leisure activities. He regarded Hong Kong's greening efforts as a success. However, given that the public was not allowed to use park lawns, he hoped that flexibility could be provided so that members of the public could use the lawns for leisure activities. Furthermore, speaking as a member of the Youth Development Task Force of the Hong Kong Football Association, he mentioned that Hong Kong performed well in futsal internationally. As for soccer facilities, he pointed out the poor floodlighting and maintenance of the Happy Valley Recreation Ground, hoping that the LCSD would take follow-up action.
- (h) Mr Bobby CHENG, DLCS (Atg), thanked Members for their views and replied as follows:
- (i) The LCSD attached great importance to the provision of venue support for schools. With a view to providing more sports facilities, the department had been actively pursuing a number of sports facilities projects. The sum of \$9.2 billion on upgrading community sports facilities was not meagre at all. He told Members that the Ombudsman had initiated a direct investigation

into the LCSD's booking services after receiving complaints about the booking and use of the sports venues and facilities managed by the department. Currently, schools and sports organisations were given priority in booking LCSD sports facilities, subject to a certain quota on the facilities available for booking. In response to members of the Legislative Council who had expressed concern about the use of government venues by schools, the LCSD had explained that schools would continue to be eligible for the priority use of the venues. Given the huge demand from the public and different organisations for the use of sports facilities, the LCSD had been striving for a balance to meet those competing demands by working on the booking and allocation arrangements. With respect to the Ombudsman's investigation, the LCSD would try its best to explain the existing booking procedures and allocation mechanism of its sports facilities. In that regard, future recommendations for improvement from the Ombudsman might have direct implications for the booking services of LCSD sports facilities. He hoped that the school sector could convey their views to the Ombudsman for its reference;

- (ii) Contrary to popular misconception that park lawns were closed to public use, he said that except for a small number of ornamental lawns, most lawns managed by the LCSD were actually open to the public for strolling, lying on or conducting other leisure activities. He also mentioned that the LCSD had recently rolled out a trial scheme called Park Déco at Quarry Bay Park, which had been embellished and enlivened by new designs and new facilities. The LCSD would continue to provide more open lawns where members of the public would be encouraged to carry out various leisure activities. He hoped that Members would help disseminate the message to the public.
- (i) Dr LO Wing-lok opined that the public expected the Government to upgrade Hong Kong's sports performance and competitive standards, not leisure facilities. In his view, the promotion of sports had to begin with students, who were currently facing the problem of inadequate sports facilities. He suggested that policy consideration be given to upgrading Hong Kong's sports performance and competitive standards.
- (j) Professor LEUNG Mee-lee commented that the issues discussed at the

present meeting involved an extensive scope and that solutions to them would not be available within a short period of time. She proposed organising seminars on those different topics and inviting stakeholders concerned to express their views.

- (k) Mrs Stella LAU said that the LCSD was welcome to get in touch with the Hong Kong School Sports Federation for collating information on the use of LCSD sports facilities by schools. Besides, she clarified that schools also had difficulty in booking LCSD facilities and venues. Reiterating that students and parents were also members of the public, she hoped that the CSC could pay more attention to the needs of students.
- (l) Prof Stephen WONG remarked that a good number of excellent sports facilities were available in schools of the same district. He suggested, by drawing reference from overseas models, that satellite training centres be provided and that the Government perform a co-ordinating role in order to optimise the use of resources. In addition, he thought that discussions should not be limited to the adequacy or inadequacy of facilities and that more detailed consideration should be given to the operation of facilities so as to promote a sporting culture across all sectors of the community.

5.4 The Chairman thanked Members for their valuable views.

#### **Item 5: Proposal on Sport For All Day 2011 (CSC Paper 5/11)**

6.1 The Chairman invited Ms LOK Kit-ha of the LCSD to brief Members on CSC Paper 5/11.

6.2 Ms LOK Kit-ha briefed Members on CSC Paper 5/11. Ms Olivia CHAN of the LCSD urged Members to attend the launch ceremony of the Sport For All Day 2011 at the Ma On Shan Sports Centre at 3 pm on 7 August to participate in fitness walking and encourage the community to lead a healthy lifestyle.

#### **Item 6: Any Other Business**

##### **(i) Hong Kong and Shanghai Summer Sports Camp for Youth 2011**

7.1 The Chairman reported that the Hong Kong and Shanghai Summer Sports Camp for Youth 2011 had been successfully held between 18 and 22 July 2011 at the Tso Kung Tam Outdoor Recreation Centre, Hong Kong. He and Mr LIU Ah-chuen had been the

Head of Delegation and the Deputy Head of Delegation of the Camp respectively. A welcome dinner and a farewell lunch had been held at the Tso Kung Tam Outdoor Recreation Centre on 18 and 22 July respectively, with guests present including Mr Zhang Xiangtai, Vice Director of the Sports Bureau of Yangpu District, Shanghai and representatives from the Hong Kong Basketball Association, the Hong Kong Tennis Association, the Handball Association of Hong Kong, China and the LCSD. Attended by youngsters (42 from Hong Kong and 47 from Shanghai) aged between 11 and 15, the Camp had organised such activities as training in basketball, tennis and handball, friendly matches, campsite activities and visits to the Hong Kong Space Museum, the Hong Kong Science Museum and Ocean Park. Both the Shanghai and Hong Kong participants had been satisfied with the arrangements of the Camp. According to them, the exchange programme had not only achieved the objective of sports exchange, but also helped them become more independent and self-disciplined as athletes, display team spirit, and better understand the sports cultures of different places. Friendship between the two cities had also been fostered. In financial terms, the total expenditure of the Camp had been \$285,000, of which \$50,000 had come from the enrolment fees paid by the Hong Kong and Shanghai participants and \$235,000 from the Government. In addition to thanking Hong Kong for providing thoughtful arrangements and warm hospitality, the Shanghai Municipal Sports Bureau had invited the Hong Kong side to send its delegation to Shanghai in the following year in continuing support of the exchange programme.

### **Date of Next Meeting**

8.1 The Chairman thanked Members for attending the meeting. The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for 23 November. He hoped that Members would reserve time to attend the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The 26th Meeting of the Community Sports Committee was rescheduled for Thursday, 1 December 2011.)

### **Adjournment of Meeting**

9.1 The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

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Community Sports Committee Secretariat  
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