

COMMUNITY SPORTS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 40th Meeting of the Community Sports Committee

Date: 8 July 2016 (Friday)
Time: 10:30 am
Venue: Conference Room 401, 4/F, Leisure and Cultural Services
Headquarters, 1-3 Pai Tau Street, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

Present: Mr TONG Wai-lun (Chairman)
Mr David YIP Wing-shing (Vice-chairman)
Mr CHAN Pok-chi
Mr CHENG King-leung
Mr CHEUNG Ki-tang
Mr CHU King-yuen
Mr Arnold CHUNG Chi-lok
Miss HON Sze-sze
Mr Daniel LEE Chi-wo
Ms LEE Ching-nga
Ms Peggy LEE Pik-yee
Ms TUNG Kin-lei
Dr YUNG Shu-hang
Mr WONG Po-kee

Department Representatives in Regular Attendance

Mr Richard WONG Tat-ming	(Representative from Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Miss Petty LAI Chun-yee	(Representative from Home Affairs Bureau)
Dr Anne FUNG Yu-kei	(Representative from Department of Health)
Mr HO Chun-ip	(Representative from Education Bureau)

Absent with Apologies

Mr Patrick CHAN
Mr WONG Wai-shun

Ms WAI Hoi-ying
Mr Kenneth FOK Kai-kong (Representative from Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong)

In Attendance

Ms Michelle LI Mei-sheung (Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Mr Raymond FAN Wai-ming (Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Mr YEUNG Tak-keung (Home Affairs Bureau)
Ms Linda LAW Lai-tan (Home Affairs Bureau)
Mr Timothy CHAU Tin-lok (Home Affairs Bureau)
Ms Joanne FU Lai-chun (Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Mr SIU Yao-kwong (Leisure and Cultural Services Department)

Secretary

Ms Winnie LEE Fung-ming (Leisure and Cultural Services Department)

Opening Remarks

1.1 The Chairman welcomed all Members and representatives of various government departments to the meeting. He welcomed Mr YEUNG Tak-keung, Commissioner for Sports, who attended the meeting for the first time, and Ms Linda LAW, Principal Assistant Secretary (Recreation & Sport)², who would join the discussion of item 3 on the agenda on the Progress of Kai Tak Sports Park (Sports Park) and Public Engagement Exercise. He also welcomed Mr Timothy CHAU, Assistant Secretary (Recreation & Sport)² and Mr WONG Po-kee, representative from Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong who stood in for Mr Kenneth FOK while he was out of town. Mr SIU Yao-kwong of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) was also welcomed for attending the meeting for the first time.

1.2 Ms Michelle LI, Director of the LCSD extended her warmest congratulations to the Chairman Mr TONG Wai-lun for receiving the Bronze Bauhinia Star in 2016 in recognition of his long time contribution to the sports sector and the promotion of community sports, badminton in particular. It was hoped that Hong Kong athletes would achieve remarkable results in Badminton at the Olympic Games. She also took the opportunity to congratulate Mr Kenneth FOK in absentia on his appointment as Justice of the Peace. It was hoped that Mr Fok would continue to contribute to sports, youth matters, and community development in Hong Kong. Ms Li also congratulated Mr WONG Po-kee on being awarded the Medal of Honour in recognition of his dedication in promoting Judo in Hong Kong. There were quite a number of awardees from the sports sector. For instance, Mr PUI Kwan-kay was awarded Silver Bauhinia Star. Both Mr YUE Kwok-leung, Tony and football coach Miss CHAN Yuen-ting received their Bronze Bauhinia Star, while athlete Miss AU Hoi-shun, Stephanie was awarded Chief Executive's Commendation for Community Service. It was hoped that the sports sector would continue to flourish.

1.3 The Chairman thanked the Director for her congratulations and responded that the sports sector would keep up with its work. On behalf of the CSC, he also congratulated Mr Kenneth FOK on his appointment as Justice of the Peace and Mr WONG Po-kee on receiving the Medal of Honour.

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

2.1 The draft minutes of the 39th meeting had been emailed to Members for comment on 20 May 2016 by the Secretariat. No proposals for amendments had been received so far and the minutes of meeting were emailed to Members on 30 June for information. Since no further amendment was proposed at the meeting, the Chairman announced that the minutes of the 39th meeting were endorsed.

Item 2: Matters Arising

3.1 The Chairman reported that there were no matters arising and would like to move on to the discussion of item 3 of the agenda on the Progress of Kai Tak Sports Park and Public Engagement Exercise (CSC Paper 03/16).

Item 3: Progress of Kai Tak Sports Park and Public Engagement Exercise (CSC Paper 03/16)

4.1 The Chairman invited Ms Linda LAW of the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) to present CSC Paper 03/16 with PowerPoint.

4.2 Ms Linda LAW presented CSC Paper 03/16. Members' views and HAB's responses were summarised as follows:

(After reporting on this item, the Chairman invited Members to take a group photo.)

(Mr WONG Po-kee and Mr CHU King-yuen left after taking photo.)

- (a) The Chairman opined that since last year's report by the HAB on the progress of the Sports Park, the project had developed a more detailed design and enhanced its facilities to meet the needs of different organisations and activities. He also said that the sports facilities in the Sports Park would provide venues for international sports events and major community activities. More world-class community sports facilities would be available to members of the public.
- (b) Mr HO Chun-ip of the Education Bureau said that it was delighting to note that the Sports Park could provide state-of-the-art sports facilities. He proposed that the HAB should consider providing sufficient parking spaces in the Sports Park, for coaches and goods vehicles in particular. Traffic flow outside the Sports Park should also be examined to avoid congestion or causing nuisance to the public during

major events. Mr HO Chun-ip also hoped that Members could support the proposal of setting up a permanent office for the Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation (HKSSF) in the Sports Park to facilitate liaison and communication between National Sports Associations (NSAs), and foster sports development in Hong Kong.

- (c) Mr CHENG King-leung thanked the HAB for accepting the views of the school sector expressed earlier on the development of the Sports Park and the Education Bureau for supporting the proposal to accommodate the HKSSF in the Sports Park. He remarked that the provision of a highly accessible venue would better cater the needs of schools across the territory and promote sports development among students. He added that with the support of the HAB and the LCSD, the number of student participants in sports competitions kept increasing despite the declining student population. The school sector therefore looked forward to the completion of the Sports Park.
- (d) Mr Arnold CHUNG thanked the HAB and the government for supporting the Sports Park project. He suggested that more office spaces should be provided for NSAs inside the Sports Park. Given that more and more people participated in sports events, NSAs required more staff to cope with the increasing workload. Since office space in Olympic House failed to meet the demand, it was hoped that the HAB would consider allocating some spaces in the Sports Park for NSAs which presently had limited office space. In terms of the design of the Sports Park, he suggested to provide distance markers (e.g. for 5 km, 10 km or 21 km) for athletes or long-distance runners for timekeeping. He also pointed out that the current main stadium and secondary arena met the requirement for major sports events. Consideration could be given to include an athletes' village in the development plan of the Sports Park to support our bid to host the Asian Games in the future.

- (e) Mr CHEUNG Ki-tang raised that Kwun Tong District Council was consulted by circulation on the development proposal of the Sports Park by the HAB and no objection was received. He believed that the proposal would receive full support from Legislative councillors if the HAB submitted the Paper for discussion. He also asked about the commencement and completion dates of the Sports Park project and hoped that relevant government departments could improve and enhance the ancillary transport facilities of the Sports Park. The HAB should handle the demand for parking spaces with due care. He opined that with the completion of the Shatin to Central Link in 2019, the Sports Park would draw in visitors arriving by railways as well as private cars, and generate a huge demand for parking spaces. More green landscape, lawns and trees should be included in the design to provide shade for the public. He further proposed that spaces should be earmarked for the development of the less popular sports as part of the facilities in the Sports Park. Lastly, Mr CHEUNG Ki-tang remarked that for a stadium for 50,000 spectators, it was undesirable to have only 4,000 people responding to the questionnaire survey. He suggested extending the consultation period and stepping up publicity efforts through TV and holding roving exhibitions at major shopping malls for greater participation.
- (f) Ms Peggy LEE enquired about the specific work plan and timetable after the consultation. She also raised that the HAB should rationalise the arrangement for staging international events at the Sports Park and Hong Kong Stadium to relieve the pressure on the Stadium and Wan Chai Sports Ground. She reflected that when major international events were held at the Stadium, the traffic in Wan Chai was almost paralysed and nuisance was caused to residents in the vicinity. Hopefully the problem would be alleviated upon the completion of the Sports Park. The HAB could also invite comments from other district councils via the Secretariat on the development of the Sports Park.

- (g) Dr YUNG Shu-hang said that since the Sports Park would be developed according to international standards, the medical facilities therein should also meet the same standard to support international sports events. The HAB could consult the medical sector and relevant organisations on facilities such as first aid room, medical room for athletes and doping control room and incorporate their respective standards into the design.
- (h) Mr Daniel LEE pointed out that there would be fitness stations, jogging trails and cycling trails in the landscaped garden, and in particular the cycling trails would connect with the wider cycling network in the Kai Tak Development. He suggested that the jogging trails, cycling trails and pedestrian walkways should form a complete network and the HAB could consult the sports sector and the Hong Kong Cycling Association on the design to improve and fine-tune the arrangement of the facilities.
- (i) Ms LEE Ching-nga was pleased to note that the HAB had consulted the district sports associations on the issue. She said she would keep more people informed about the news on the Sports Park's public engagement exercise through Facebook, and post the questionnaire to her Facebook page for promotion. Apart from the provision of a conventional sports venue, creative activities could be included to encourage people to exercise more. She also proposed the inclusion of a fountain on the green for cooling effect.
- (j) With regard to the transport arrangement, Ms Linda LAW of the HAB responded that the car park was designed for the daily operation of the entire Sports Park. According to the present design, the car park would provide about 900 parking spaces (mainly for private cars) and 60 of them would be reserved for coaches and other operational vehicles. There would be sufficient loading and unloading spaces for goods vehicles and passenger pick-up/drop-off facilities on-street. She remarked that as a matter of fact, 700 parking spaces were

provided mainly for the daily operation of the 50,000-seat stadium. Visitors to the Sports Park should make use of public transport instead. The HAB had completed its traffic impact assessment on major events already. Since the Kai Tak Sports Park would be of similar scale to the Hong Kong Stadium, the HAB would liaise closely with the LCSD on holding international events such as the Hong Kong Sevens at the Sports Park upon its completion instead of the Hong Kong Stadium and review the positioning of the Stadium in due course. As regards the timeframe for the development of the Sports Park, Ms Linda LAW hoped that subject to the funding approval of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council in 2017, works would commence in 2018 and be expected to complete in four years and a half. Besides, she was pleased to note from Mr CHEUNG Ki-tang that Kwun Tong District Council, after being consulted by circulation due to tight schedule, fully supported the development of the Sports Park. She said that views were being collected from sports associations and the school sector, and advice would be sought from professional bodies on the facilities required for the cycling trails and medical services. She also made it clear that new suggestions on activities were always welcomed to enhance the design of the Sports Park and promote recreation and sports activities. Connection between the Sports Park and the jogging facilities in neighbouring parks would be examined and further considered during the design stage later on.

- (k) Mr YEUNG Tak-keung of the HAB said that in order to increase the return rate of questionnaires before the end of the public engagement exercise, various channels including radio and television interviews would be used to publicise the Sports Park. It was noted that during the previous weeks, the number of questionnaires completed online exceeded those returned during roving exhibitions. In addition to exploring other means to solicit public views, the HAB had emailed different sports associations and relevant committees including the CSC in early July to seek their support in

expressing views on the Sports Park and disseminating the message. He hoped that all Members present today could also make use of their networks via district councils, district organisations and schools, etc., to appeal to people who cared about sports to voice their opinions for the development of the Sports Park.

Item 4: Report of the 6th Hong Kong Games Organising Committee (CSC Paper 04/16)

5.1 The Chairman advised that the 6th Hong Kong Games (HKG) would be held from 23 April to 28 May 2017. Its Organising Committee (OC) and Standing Committee (SC) were formed in May and June respectively to take forward the co-ordination and organisation. The Chairman and the Vice Chairman of this Committee, i.e. he himself and Mr David YIP Wing-shing, were the Chairman and Vice Chairman of both the OC and SC and valuable views were expressed at the meetings. The Chairman invited Ms Joanne FU of the LCSD to present CSC Paper 04/16 to update Members on the progress of the 6th HKG.

5.2 Ms Joanne FU presented CSC Paper 04/16 by PowerPoint.

5.3 The Chairman remarked that the HKG was a major sports event held every two years and appealed to Members for their continued support and participation.

Item 5: Any Other Business

(i) Student Sports Activities Co-ordinating Sub-committee

6.1 The Chairman explained that the Student Sports Activities Co-ordinating Sub-committee (SSACS) was set up under the CSC to promote sports in schools. The membership of the SSCAS comprised Members of the CSC, representatives from school councils and also relevant government departments. With the departure of Mrs Stella LAU from the CSC and SSCAS in 2016, the position of Convenor of the SSACS was left vacant. The Chairman proposed Mr CHU King-yuen, the Vice Convenor, to fill her vacancy in accordance with the established practice. As Mr CHU King-yuen had been a school principal for years

with considerable experience in sports promotion at school, the Chairman believed that the SSACS would continue to foster the development of sports in schools under his leadership. Though Mr CHU King-yuen just left the meeting, the Secretariat had already obtained his consent prior to the meeting. In this connection, the Chairman announced that Mr CHU King-yuen would take over as the Convenor of the SSACS.

6.2 Separately, the Chairman welcomed new members Mr CHENG King-leung, Mr CHEUNG Ki-tang and Mr WONG Wai-shun who accepted the invitation from the Secretariat to join the SSACS and advise on the development of sports at school.

(ii) Hong Kong and Shanghai Summer Sports Camp for Youth 2016

7.1 Mr SIU Yau-kwong of the LCSD reported that the Hong Kong and Shanghai Summer Sports Camp for Youth was an initiative under the Sports Exchange and Cooperation Programme Agreement signed between the HAB of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the Shanghai Administration of Sports in 2004. The programme aimed at promoting sports exchange between the youth of the two cities through summer camp activities. Since 2005, Shanghai and Hong Kong had taken turns to host the event. Last year the Camp was held in Hong Kong between 20 and 24 July, and this year it would be held from 18 to 22 July in Shanghai. Mr CHU King-yuen and Ms Peggy LEE would lead the Hong Kong Delegation to Shanghai as its Head and Deputy Head respectively. In early May, the LCSD was notified by the Shanghai Administration of Sports that the 2016 Camp would be held in Jin'an District (at Shanghai Yucai High School) instead of the initially planned Fengxian District. After negotiation with the Shanghai Administration of Sports, it was agreed that 40 young local athletes aged between 11 and 16, including players of basketball (14 boys), handball (14 girls) and tennis (12 boys and girls), would attend the programme. The exchange activities mainly included sports training, friendly matches and cultural exchange activities such as visits to the Shanghai Natural History Museum, Sculpture Park, Shanghai Museum, Confucius Temple in Jiading, Oriental Pearl Tower and Huangpu River. The LCSD, together with the three relevant sports associations, had already selected 40 young athletes to join the programme. Two coaches from each of these sports associations would assist during the Camp and the entire delegation would make up of a total of 51 persons. Pre-camp briefing

was held on 11 July and details would be reported to Members after the conclusion of the Camp.

(iii) Television Episodes *Hong Kong Heroes*

8.1 In response to the Chairman's enquiry on the television programme *Hong Kong Heroes*, Miss Petty LAI of the HAB reported that 2016 was an Olympic year and the Government would step up publicity to support our athletes at the Olympic Games and encourage members of the public to exercise and support the local athletes. The HAB had produced a series of 28 one-minute short clips on our Olympic athletes which would be aired just before *Hong Kong Heroes*, a 30-minute documentary on the stories of Hong Kong athletes. The documentary was scheduled to be aired on Saturdays at 10:30 pm on TVB Jade from 3 July onwards in five episodes. She added that the Secretariat had informed Members of its airing by email. Members could watch its replays on TVB's website.

Adjournment of Meeting

9.1 The Chairman thanked Members for attending the meeting. The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for 16 November. The Secretariat would inform Members of the date of the next meeting in due course.

9.2 The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Community Sports Committee Secretariat
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