

COMMUNITY SPORTS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 43rd Meeting of the Community Sports Committee

Date: 31 August 2017 (Thursday)
Time: 3:00 pm
Venue: Conference Room 3, G/F, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong

Present: Mr David YIP Wing-shing (Chairman)
Dr YUNG Shu-hang (Vice-chairman)
Mr Patrick CHAN
Mr CHAN Pok-chi
Mr CHEUNG Ki-tang
Ms CHU Lai-ling
Mr Arnold CHUNG Chi-lok
Dr Alberto CRUZ
Mr Daniel LEE Chi-wo
Ms LEE Ching-nga
Mr LIN Chun-pong
Ms WAI Hoi-ying
Ms Tina WONG Ting
Mr WONG Wai-shun
Mr WONG Po-kee

Department Representatives in Regular Attendance

Miss Petty LAI Chun-ye (Representative from Home Affairs Bureau)
Mr Richard WONG Tat-ming (Representative from Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Dr Anne FUNG Yu-kei (Representative from Department of Health)
Ms Nancy WONG Lan-sum (Representative from Education Bureau)

Absent with Apologies

Miss HON Sze-sze
Ms TUNG Kin-lei
Mr Langton CHEUNG Yung-pong

In Attendance

Mr Raymond FAN Wai-ming	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Mr SIU Yau-kwong	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Ms Joanne FU Lai-chun	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Ms Fanny HO Sau-fan	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)

Secretary

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

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all Members and representatives of various government departments to the meeting. He welcomed the new Member Mr Alberto CRUZ who attended the meeting this year for the first time. Ms Tina WONG Ting and Mr LIN Chun-pong would attend the meeting later for matters that required their attention.

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

2. The draft minutes of the 42nd meeting had been emailed to Members for comment on 12 May by the Secretariat. No proposal for amendments had been received so far. Since no further amendment was proposed at the meeting, the Chairman announced that the minutes of the 42nd meeting were endorsed.

Item 2: Matters Arising

3. The Chairman reported that there were no matters arising from the previous meeting and would like to move on to Item 3 “A Consultancy Study on Sport for People with Disabilities in Hong Kong – Follow-up Action Plan” (CSC Paper 03/17).

Item 3: “A Consultancy Study on Sport for People with Disabilities in Hong Kong – Follow-up Action Plan” (CSC Paper 03/17)

4. The Chairman invited Miss Petty LAI of the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) to present CSC Paper 03/17 with PowerPoint.

5. Miss Petty LAI presented CSC Paper 03/17. Members’ views and responses from departments/bureaux were summarised as follows:

- (a) Mr Patrick CHAN thanked the HAB for its follow-up work. Regarding the new arrangements of adding two events, namely the “Wheelchair Basketball Challenge” and “Swimming Invitation Competition for People with Intellectual Disabilities”, in the 6th Hong Kong Games (HKG), he hoped that the two events could become recurrent, so as to provide an opportunity for people with disabilities (PWDs) to demonstrate their strength.
- (b) Regarding the arrangements for cross-district enrolment, Mr CHEUNG Ki-tang opined that the ancillary support for PWDs to use the Easy-Access Transport Services (ETS) for attending the activities was inadequate. He suggested providing ETS booking service at online cross-district enrolment to facilitate PWDs’ participation in recreation and sports programmes. Furthermore, he asked whether requests for the establishment of recreation and sports facilities for PWDs or comments regarding the use of inclusive recreation and sports facilities had been received during consultation.
- (c) Vice-chairman Dr YUNG Shu-hang thanked the HAB for taking the initiative to propose measures on the promotion of PWDs’ participation in sports. He believed that PWDs’ safety and capabilities should be the primary considerations for their participation in sports. Hence, the co-operation of medical staff was very important. He suggested the government actively contact relevant institutions such as the Hong Kong Sports Association for the Physically Disabled or the Hong Kong Sports Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability, to strengthen the training of relevant staff in line with the development of sport for PWDs.
- (d) Mr Raymond FAN, Acting Director of the LCSD, said that the pilot scheme on advance booking services, which was to be carried out at one selected sports centre each in Hong Kong Island, Kowloon and the New Territories, would be expanded to one more sports centre in the New

Territories, with the exact venue being under active consideration. He supplemented that the scheme allowed relevant PWD groups to have priority in booking specified LCSD sports centres, thereby encouraging PWDs' active participation in sports. He hoped that Members could render their support in their different capacities, in District Councils for example, for this policy which was put in place specifically for PWDs. Meanwhile, he said that the LCSD would develop a new client-oriented intelligent system for Hong Kong's public sports and recreational services, allowing members of the public to book sports and recreational facilities and enrol in activities offered by the LCSD. Not only would this new system facilitate PWDs, but it would also benefit everyone who would participate in recreation and sports activities. The LCSD would apply for funding after the resumption of Legislative Council meetings, so as to put forward the work as soon as possible. He hoped that Members could provide more support.

- (e) Miss Petty LAI thanked Members for their views, and her responses were summarised as follows:
- (i) Regarding the Rehabus service, she said that it was mentioned in the report of the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee under the Labour and Welfare Bureau that there would be collaboration with the operators of Rehabus service for the convenience of PWDs. It was hoped that the follow-up work would be continued until positive results were achieved.
 - (ii) As for the construction of facilities for PWDs, some comments from social welfare organisations were received during the consultation requesting for the establishment of facilities for PWDs. However, since the requests and comments of PWDs and PWD groups regarding sports facilities varied, the establishment of sports centres for PWDs might not meet the needs of individual PWDs. Therefore, the government would aim at providing inclusive facilities. With regard to the pilot scheme mentioned by Mr Raymond FAN, she added that it would better meet the needs of PWDs if a more accessible sports centre located in a district with more PWD groups was selected.
 - (iii) She said that she would continue to follow up on the measures mentioned in the document. She would also report progress to and seek comments from the CSC on a timely basis.

6. The Chairman thanked Members for their views. He said that the views of Members would be put on record by the HAB. In addition, he was happy about the PWDs' dedicated attitude to the new basketball and swimming competitions of the HKG. He hoped that there would be more events available for PWDs' participation in the future, so that they could receive public recognition and support. Besides sports, it was more important to foster a harmonious atmosphere in the community.

7. Before moving on to the next item, the Chairman took the opportunity to extend his warmest congratulations to Mr WONG Wai-shun for being awarded the Medal of Honour in recognition of his untiring effort in serving the Yuen Long District and actively promoting the development of soccer. He also congratulated Ms LEE Ching-nga for being awarded the Chief Executive's Commendation for Community Service. Ms LEE Ching-nga actively contributed to the community by serving on the Eastern District Recreation and Sports Advancement Association, the Central and Western District Youth Programme Committee and the Sai Ying Poon Kai Fong Welfare Association. Both Members deserved the awards.

Item 4: Report of the 6th Hong Kong Games Organising Committee (CSC Paper 04/17)

8. The Chairman reported that the 6th HKG concluded successfully on 28 May this year, and that the Organising Committee (OC) and the Standing Committee (SC) held a joint meeting on 9 August to review the arrangements. He invited Ms Joanne FU, the Secretary General of the OC, to brief Members of CSC Paper 04/17.

9. Ms Joanne FU presented the highlights of the HKG and CSC Paper 04/17 with video and Powerpoint respectively. Members' views were summarised as follows:

- (a) Regarding the selection method and eligibility requirements for team events, Mr WONG Wai-shun voiced his reservation on the revised selection method adopted in recent years, which was selecting an entire team via selection competitions, as opposed to the previous method of selecting individual players based on the result of personal skills tests to form a district team. If players from other districts were allowed to take part in the selection competitions, it would become a selection of teams, rather than a selection of district athletes. He urged the OC to ponder on the way forward. To keep a regular schedule of sports games, he suggested organising district-based events between HKGs, which was

staged every other year, so that there would be one major event per year. He also recommended organising guessing games to draw attention to and encourage participation in the HKG. Lastly, he opined that the opening ceremony was successful, smooth and impressive, except that the athlete representative seemed to have forgotten part of the oath on stage. As a solution, he suggested putting up a large display screen at the venue to show the oath in writing at the next HKG.

- (b) Mr LIN Chun-pong also had reservation on relaxing the restrictions on the selection for team events to include athletes from other districts. He had received comments from members of the community that they did not know about the selection. Enrolment was low in certain districts, which as a result had to rely on schools to send teams to compete. The OC should therefore think carefully on who the target participants of the HKG were before deciding on whether to roll out such arrangement. In addition, it might be useful in a long run to explore room for collaboration or interaction between the Festival of Sports and the HKG, which both aimed at promoting Sport for All, for an effective use of social resources and a wider participation from the community in sports.

10. Ms Joanne FU briefed Members of each of the recommendations put forth in paragraph 20, “Review of the Activity”, of CSC Paper 04/17. Members’ views were summarised as follows:

- (a) Regarding the recommendation to explore the feasibility of adding demonstration events, Mr Arnold CHUNG suggested adding two demonstration events in the next HKG, for example, the less popular rope skipping or water sports events such as kayaking, rowing, dragon boat or sailing, and allowing cross-district enrolment for these events. By the time the sport had matured, it could be included as an official event. Moreover, he thought that the rugby demonstration event this year was a success. If, in the future, there were constraints in organising demonstration events due to issues in the availability of resources, the events could be held by the relevant NSAs in a self-financing manner. Mr Daniel LEE remarked that eSports, an intellectually stimulating sport that had gained much popularity in recent years, could be featured as a demonstration event in the HKGs to come. Ms CHU Lai-ling remarked that of the four demonstration events recommended in the paper, rope skipping and dragon boat would be better choices as they were quite well-developed in secondary and primary schools and in the community respectively. She suggested including the two events in the next HKG.

- (b) For the recommendation to review the arrangements of the ranking playoffs for the 5th to 8th positions, Mr LIN Chun-pong was of the view that data on the number of times the athletes had participated in competitions should be taken into consideration. He suggested the OC make arrangements for playoffs based on the nature of the event and how frequent the athletes concerned took part in competitions. In addition, he commented that for athletes or teams that were judged to have withdrawn from the matches in the quarter-finals or beyond, their scores should not be retained.
- (c) The paper recommended reviewing the types of document accepted as valid proof of place of residence, such as the receipt of telecommunication companies, to reduce the chance of having participants providing false residential addresses. In that connection, Mr LIN Chun-pong opined that restricting the type of documentary proof could not curb the problem of participants giving false information during enrolment, therefore the OC might as well keep the current practice. Mr Arnold CHUNG stated that some participants might give false addresses in enrolment to increase their chance of getting awards. To avoid this, the OC might make reference to the practice of cross-province enrolment in this year's National Games, and consider if cross-district enrolment and shared scores could be applied to the next HKG to allow a wider participation from the public.
- (d) On the method and mechanism for athlete selection, Mr WONG Wai-shun asked if the previous method of selecting individual athletes based on their skills could be resumed for futsal events. He believed that the current practice of selecting an entire team might have kept out the best individual athletes. He further suggested that coaches, with their professional judgement, could cherry-pick players from different teams to form strong teams to compete for the district.

[Dr YUNG Shu-hang left the conference room before the introduction of the next item.]

- (e) On publicity strategy, Mr Arnold CHUNG suggested giving out certificates to all partaking athletes to encourage public participation; Mr Daniel LEE was of the opinion that the HKG had been well-publicised through the official and other websites, and that electronic media such as webpages had been effective in promoting the event; Ms Tina WONG suggested displaying rolling messages in support of the athletes on live

screens, as at the Hong Kong Marathon or charity shows, as a way to engage the public. Digital platforms that were of a higher cost-effectiveness and flexibility, including social interaction platforms run by traditional media such as newspapers and television, could also be considered.

- (f) Mr Patrick CHAN said that he attended the swimming event and the Swimming Invitation Competition for People with Intellectual Disabilities (the Invitation Competition) of the HKG as a representative of the Hong Kong Sports Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability. He found all the arrangements of the events remarkable. For instance, there were banners displaying the title of the Invitation Competition; awards of the Invitation Competition were given out by the acting Chief Executive, which made athletes and their parents feel touched and highly regarded. He also praised LCSD staff for their energy and passion shown in the two days of competition. To utilise resources properly and relieve the workload of LCSD staff, he suggested not giving out souvenirs to judges of the cheering competition starting from the next HKG.

11. The responses of the department/bureaux to Members' views on CSC Paper 04/17 and their suggestions on the review were summarised as follows:

- (a) Mr Raymond FAN, Acting Director of the LCSD, said a number of new initiatives were introduced in the 13th National Games of the People's Republic of China (National Games) in 2017, including events for the general public and participation of cross-province teams. The OC might consider allowing cross-district participation for sports demonstration events.
- (b) Mr Richard WONG, Assistant Director of the LCSD, pointed out that there were three breakthroughs in that year's National Games. The first breakthrough was the addition of sport-for-all events with the aim of allowing wider participation through different means. The public might enrol as individuals or in the capacity of national associations, clubs or their subsidiaries. Although the format was different from that in Hong Kong, the direction was to give opportunities to interested public members who had basic skills in sport to participate in the National Games. He was glad that Hong Kong athletes won six medals in sport-for-all events, including one gold medal for rock climbing. The second breakthrough was that athletes could form teams across provinces for the competitions. The last breakthrough was that overseas Chinese athletes of high calibre

were invited to take part in the competitions. Overall, he thought the arrangements of the National Games for sport-for-all events were inspiring for the HKG, which positioned itself as an event for promoting Sport for All, giving ideas for the format of future promotion.

- (c) Ms Joanne FU added that a large-size banner showing the National Game's slogan “全運惠民 健康中國” was hung in the venue of the opening ceremony of the National Games that year. This brought home the message of Sport for All and the concept of building sport into people's daily lives. Sport-for-all events included dragon dancing, *rouliqiu*, tai chi chuan, fitness qi-gong and light volleyball. The significance of allowing cross-province participation was to bring about sports exchange, putting across the message of Sport for All.
- (d) Ms Petty LAI said as the HKG was positioned as an event to promote Sport for All, with competitions and activities organised to encourage participation by people of different age groups in districts. For example, restricting elite athletes from competing would allow district athletes to give play to their talents. Organising community participation activities such as the Vitality Run allowed the public to enjoy the fun of parent-child sport activities, thereby promoting Sport for All. For the different nature and aims of individual activities, she thought the HKG should have a clear positioning.
- (e) With regard to Members' suggestions that athletes should read the oath from a large screen and participants should be given certificates for participation, Ms Joanne FU said these would be actively considered in the following year.
- (f) As to the selection of district teams for the competitions, Ms Fanny HO supplemented that the original arrangement for futsal was to assess athletes based on their individual skills, then the respective NSA would assign coaches to conduct tests and select individual participants of the highest skill level to form district teams. Feedback was later received from districts saying that the time gap between the selection and competitions was too short, and the lack of teamwork would affect the team's performance. After deliberation by the OC, selection competitions had been introduced since the 4th HKG and the winning team would represent their district in the competition. For substitutes, the current selection mechanism was to allow the coach of the winning team to select suitable players from the team in the second place to fill up the

winning team. Ms Joanne FU added that unless there were still remaining spots, otherwise the winning team was not allowed to replace original players with substitute players from other teams as this was unfair to the original players and might give rise to complaints.

- (g) Mr Raymond FAN, Acting Director of the LCSD, said the original purpose of organising the Vitality Run was to kick start the HKG. However, the Vitality Run was held in January this year while the competitions were held in April, defeating its purpose as a launch activity. Consideration could be given to having another activity held at a time closer to the competitions as the launch activity, and The Vitality Run could be held separately. In addition, due to various technical issues, increasing the number of places in The Vitality Run might not be feasible.
- (h) Regarding publicity strategies, Mr Raymond FAN, Acting Director of the LCSD, noted that the click rate of live webcast was very high for this year's HKG. As the public usually used mobile phones to access information at present, future publicity materials must be able to be browsed through mobile phones. He continued that more financial resources were available this year in celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. It was expected that the amount of resources would be adjusted for the next HKG. Revenue-raising and expenditure-cutting measures must then be explored.
- (i) Miss Petty LAI commented that the publicity of HKG showed continuous improvements. Publicity materials could be seen on various kinds of public transportation (such as MTR, bus and tram) before selection competitions in the last two HKGs. It was economical to promote HKG via public transportation, especially when only limited resources were available. Such publicity means allowed more members of the public to note the information of the HKG.

12. The Chairman thanked Members for their valuable comments and said that the comments were recorded by the Secretary General of the OC. He opined that the HKG provided opportunities for more members of the public to participate in sports, and enhanced the sense of belonging of local community members to their area of residence. The quota for the "Vitality Run", increased from 3 000 at the beginning to 5 000 this year, had reached the limit. He thanked the LCSD for its effort and praised this year's games for the enhancements in organisation, scale, as well as public participation and support. The Chairman thanked Mr TONG Wai-lun, Chairman of the HKG OC, for his excellent leadership, district councils and NSAs for their

assistance, and the HAB, LCSD, OC and SC for their efforts. He hoped Members would continue to provide comments for the organising units to gather ideas for the 7th HKG.

Item 5: Any Other Business

Hong Kong and Shanghai Summer Sports Camp for Youth 2017

13. The Chairman invited Mr SIU Yau-kwong of the LCSD to report on the Hong Kong and Shanghai Summer Sports Camp for Youth 2017 by PowerPoint.

14. Mr SIU Yau-kwong of the LCSD reported that the Hong Kong and Shanghai Summer Sports Camp for Youth 2017 (the Camp) was successfully held from 17 to 21 July at the Hong Kong Sports Institute. Mr Arnold CHUNG and Ms TUNG Kin-lei took up the roles as Head and Deputy Head of the delegation respectively and led the delegation for the Camp. The Camp was attended by 42 and 41 young athletes, aged between 11 and 16, from Hong Kong and Shanghai respectively. This year's camp featured sports exchange activities in badminton, basketball and table tennis. Mixed competitions were held to promote skill exchanges between young athletes from the two cities. Other exchange activities included joint training of the relevant sports, friendly matches, visits to sports and cultural facilities and tourists attractions. He thanked Mr Arnold CHUNG and Ms TUNG Kin-lei for their valuable time in supporting athlete training and receiving Mainland staff.

15. Mr Arnold CHUNG thanked the Chairman for the chance to be the Head of the delegation. He commended the excellent arrangements of the Camp. Mutual exchanges and sharing of experiences between coaches and athletes during the training further promoted sports development of both cities; mixed competitions of athletes from the two cities promoted friendship and exchanges between referees. He felt Hong Kong's rapid development by visiting local tourist attractions. The Head of the delegation also praised the advanced equipment provided by the Hong Kong Sports Institute. He expressed appreciation to Ms TUNG Kin-lei and relevant NSAs for providing assistance actively, and colleagues of the LCSD for their great efforts in making arrangements. Colleagues of the LCSD were also highly commended by the Head of the Shanghai delegation for their selfless efforts in serving the public through bringing about a successful event.

16. The Chairman thanked Mr Arnold CHUNG and Ms TUNG Kin-lei for receiving the Shanghai delegation as Hong Kong representatives.

Adjournment of Meeting

17. The Chairman thanked Members for attending the meeting. The Secretariat would inform Members of the date of the next meeting in due course.

18. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Community Sports Committee Secretariat
October 2017