

COMMUNITY SPORTS COMMITTEE
Minutes of the 44th Meeting of the Community Sports Committee

Date: 19 January 2018 (Friday)
Time: 10:00 am
Venue: Conference Room 4, G/F, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong

Present: Mr David YIP Wing-shing (Chairman)
Dr Patrick YUNG Shu-hang (Vice Chairman)
Mr Patrick CHAN
Mr CHAN Pok-chi
Ms CHU Lai-ling
Mr Arnold CHUNG Chi-lok
Dr Alberto CRUZ
Mr Langton CHEUNG Yung-pong
Mr LIN Chun-pong
Ms TUNG Kin-lei
Ms Tina WONG Ting
Mr WONG Wai-shun
Prof LEUNG Mee-lee (Representative from Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China)
Mr Paul CHENG Ching-wan (Representative from Home Affairs Bureau)
Ms Nancy WONG Lan-sum (Representative from Education Bureau)
Dr Anne FUNG Yu-kei (Representative from Department of Health)
Ms Rebecca LOU Wai-yi (Representative from Leisure and Cultural Services Department)

In Attendance

Miss Daisy HUI Hei-man (Home Affairs Bureau)
Ms Michelle LI Mei-sheung (Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Mr Richard WONG Tat-ming (Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Mr Horman CHAN Ming-cheong (Leisure and Cultural Services Department)

Ms Joanne FU Lai-chun	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Ms Goldie SHING Lai -kam	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Ms Pat WONG Heung-hung	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Ms Winnie LEE Fung-ming	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department) (Secretary)

Absent with Apologies

Mr CHEUNG Ki-tang
Mr Daniel LEE Chi-wo
Ms HON Sze-sze
Ms LEE Ching-nga
Ms WAI Hoi-ying

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all Members and representatives of various government departments to the meeting. He welcomed the representatives who attended the meeting for the first time, namely Mr Paul CHENG Ching-wan, the newly appointed Principal Assistant Secretary (Recreation & Sport)¹ of the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB), Mr Richard WONG Tat-ming, who attended as the acting Deputy Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Leisure Services) today, and Ms Rebecca LOU Wai-yi, the newly appointed Assistant Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Leisure Services)². He then welcomed Prof LEUNG Mee-lee, Honorary Deputy Secretary General of Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC), who attended the meeting on behalf of Mr WONG Po-kee who was out of town. He also welcomed Miss Daisy HUI Hei-man from the HAB, and Ms Pat WONG Heung-hung and Ms Goldie SHING Lai-kam from 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 expressed his gratitude to former Members Miss Petty LAI Chun-ye, Principal Assistant Secretary of the HAB, and Mr Raymond FAN Wai-ming, Deputy Director of Leisure and Cultural Services, for their contribution to the CSC.

[The Chairman invited Members to take a group photo to mark the occasion.]

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

2. The draft minutes of the 43rd meeting had been emailed to Members for comment on 21 November 2017 by the Secretariat. No proposal for amendment had been received so far. Since no further amendment was proposed at the meeting, the Chairman announced that the minutes of the 43rd meeting were endorsed.

Item 2: Matters Arising

3. The Chairman reported that there were no matters arising from the previous meeting and would move on to Item 3 “Opening up School Facilities for Promotion of Sports Development Scheme” (CSC Paper 01/18).

Item 3: Opening up School Facilities for Promotion of Sports Development Scheme (the Scheme) (CSC Paper 01/18)

4. The Chairman invited Mr Paul CHENG of the HAB to present CSC Paper 01/18 by PowerPoint.

5. Mr Paul CHENG presented CSC Paper 01/18. Members’ views and responses from the Bureau were summarised as follows:

- (a) Mr WONG Wai-shun considered the Scheme an excellent move. He noted that the current provision of some recreational facilities failed to meet the rising demand caused by the increase of population. By opening up school facilities, sports organisations would be provided with more choices other than LCSD venues, while organisations in remote areas or those located far away from sports and recreational facilities could be benefited. Furthermore, since few schools had football courts, he suggested that schools might allow more flexibility for organisations to use their basketball courts for soccer training. In addition, he opined that schools should be flexible in reserving places in the activities for teachers and students with regard to actual circumstances. Moreover, he proposed that the HAB and the Education Bureau (EDB) should joint force in setting lower fees and charges for hiring school facilities so as to benefit non-profit-making organisations. He believed that the Scheme would need to be further consolidated, while concerns of schools, such as those on insurance and manpower arrangements, should be properly addressed.

- (b) Mr Arnold CHUNG opined that the Scheme was remarkable. Sports competitions, especially those of smaller scales, often came under constraints due to insufficient facilities. By opening up more facilities, the Scheme would allow more people to participate in sports. He also proposed to promote and publicise the Scheme further to cover all sports organisations and the community, and address the concerns of schools such as those on security and utilisation of facilities.
- (c) Ms CHU Lai-ling opined that it was very difficult to hire venues. Therefore, she was pleased to learn about the Scheme and hoped to know more about the approaches adopted for selecting hiring organisations.
- (d) Prof LEUNG Mee-lee opined that while the Scheme was well-intended, the subsidy of \$20,000 could cover only expenses for security services, cleansing, urgent repair works, insurances, etc., but not repair of worn-out facilities. In addition, she suggested clearly outlining in the guideline items to be covered by the subsidy, so as to curb abuse of the subsidy. At the same time, she believed that reserving one-fourth of the places in the activities for priority enrolment by students and teachers of the school concerned would be a big incentive for schools to consider opening up their facilities for use by sports organisations. Moreover, she was of the view that participating schools should have prior communication with the NSAs concerned on the type and quantity of, and the space that would be taken up by sports equipment used for the programme, so as to keep students from potential danger caused by improperly placed equipment in the campus.
- (e) Mr Langton CHEUNG said that the subsidy of \$20,000 could only cover the cost of additional manpower, but not the cost incurred by the high level of depreciation caused by the use by the organisations and the need for maintenance that followed. In that connection, he suggested giving additional subsidy for schools that were willing to open up their facilities for a few consecutive years to cover for the cost of additional equipment, maintenance and repair, as well as enhancement in security. There were a lot of schools that had no standard sports facilities, and they would be concerned if the Scheme would offer any full protection against claims for compensation arising from injury of participants. It was therefore crucial for sports organisations to take out insurance for the programme organised at the schools. He further suggested the Administration provide Q&As for schools to paint a clear picture on ways to handle relevant situations, so

that the schools and the school management committees could be more confident in supporting the Scheme.

- (f) Mr LIN Chun-pong said that while he was personally in favour of the Scheme, the HAB and EDB should be aware of the schools' concerns. First, on the issue of insurance, schools, especially those that had no incorporated management committee, would be concerned about the amount of compensation they would be liable for in case of serious accidents during the hiring period; second, in terms of maintenance and repair, he suggested the EDB work with the Architectural Services Department, on a case by case basis, to repair old facilities in estate schools to suit the needs of sports organisations; third, schools and hiring organisations could communicate and work out the type of facilities to be opened up, such as school halls, student activity rooms and open basketball courts, on the ground that the facilities must be returned in their original state. Provided that the Scheme was complemented by suitable arrangements and would not get in the way of students' learning, schools and sports organisations could establish a long term partnership. Lastly, he was of the opinion that by taking the initiative to roll out the Scheme, the government had offered solutions for sports organisations that had no access to facilities and spared them the trouble to reach out to schools for hiring facilities.

[Mr LIN Chun-pong left the conference room.]

- (g) Dr Alberto CRUZ suggested being flexible on the requirement of consisting at least 24 hours of content for each programme, so that one-off competitions or activities of a few hours long could also be covered in the Scheme.
- (h) Mr Paul CHENG thanked Members for their input and responded to their comments as follows:
- (i) The HAB would continue to optimise the Scheme making reference to Members' comments, in the hope of encouraging more schools to open up facilities for hire by sports organisations; the HAB and EDB had put together a list of participating schools and their facilities for the information and reference of interested sports organisations.

- (ii) The Scheme could foster a long term partnership between schools and sports organisations. While sports organisations could hold trainings with the schools' facilities, students and teachers of the schools concerned could enjoy more opportunities to watch and take part in activities held by sports organisations, which would build up a sporting atmosphere in school. He believed that such long term partnerships between schools and sports organisations were important. The HAB would collect views from sports organisations on the arrangement of hiring school facilities under the Scheme. It was hoped that the sports organisations would be in touch with the schools directly in the coming years to establish partnerships.
- (iii) On the approval of applications from sports organisations, it would be the schools that make the final decision.
- (iv) Under the Scheme, sports organisations must make proper use of the school facilities hired and take out adequate liability insurance for hiring school facilities. On the arrangement of activities, we would encourage sports organisations to communicate their ideas directly to the schools, which would then work out plans and flexible arrangements with them.
- (v) Regarding the long term development and promotion approach, sports organisations could roll out activities at levels and of types in line with the facilities provided by schools. Schools might also work together to serve as venues for different types of sports for the district. The HAB and EDB would consider discussing with the Association of Heads of Schools to explore the feasibility of having schools in the district as venues for different types of training activities.
- (vi) For matters concerning facilities, equipment and repair, the HAB and EDB would take into consideration comments from schools that took part in the first phase of the Scheme. From their views, we would identify areas in which we could be of assistance. Among others, the feasibility of providing subsidy for sports equipment would be explored.
- (vii) On the hiring rate of school facilities, schools would normally charge hirers at a rate stipulated in their own hiring policy.

- (viii) The HAB and EDB would invite views from the industry and, having summarised the experience of the first year of the Scheme, put together a collection of “Frequently Asked Questions”, which would provide a clear picture for schools and sports organisations on the details of the operation and further facilitate the Scheme.
- (i) Ms Nancy WONG of the EDB said that the Scheme was jointly launched by the HAB and EDB. To facilitate the implementation of the Scheme, relevant information of potential participating schools was passed to eligible sport organisations that were interested in hiring school facilities. Sport organisations and schools could liaise directly to work out plans on the use of facilities and details of activity (such as soccer training through modified games). Such liaisons would give schools confidence in allowing sport organisations to organise activities at their facilities (such as basketball court). As participating schools would have the right to make the final decision, direct communications could ease schools’ concerns, hence attracting more schools to participate. The concept of resource-sharing could then be further implemented in the community. The HAB and EDB would collect feedback for the enhancement of the Scheme. Regarding the suggestion of reserving one-fourth of the places for enrolment by students and teachers of the school concerned, Ms Nancy WONG stated that the places could be assigned to others by the organiser if no teachers or students enrolled in the activity.
- (j) Mr Richard WONG of the LCSD shared information on the arrangements of taking out insurance as required by the LCSD for non-designated use of leisure venues. Hiring organisations were required to inform insurance companies of the activity venue and nature. The organisations must also provide insurance documents for LCSD’s checking and record.

6. The Chairman thanked Members for their valuable opinions and Mr Paul CHENG for his reply. Should Members had other opinions, they could communicate with the HAB after the meeting.

Item 4: Proposal on Sport For All Day 2018 (CSC Paper 02/18)

7. The Chairman invited Ms Winnie LEE of the LCSD to present CSC Paper 02/18 by Powerpoint.

8. Ms Winnie LEE presented CSC Paper 02/18. Members' views on the paper and the LCSD's responses were summarised as follows:

- (a) Mr WONG Wai-shun agreed that the same slogan should be adopted for promotion every year. As there was advice that primary school students should do one hour of moderate physical activity every day, Mr WONG Wai-shun enquired if the Chinese slogan, which emphasised on 30 minutes of exercise every day, was in line with the advice.
- (b) Ms Tina WONG opined that community partnership and promotion for "Sport for All Day" last year were very comprehensive. She suggested that the LCSD could co-operate with fitness centre chains in promoting the event this year. Fitness centre chains could also be invited to open up their facilities on the event day or to urge their members to exercise at other venues. Ms Tina WONG suggested that the collaboration mode between the SF&OC and large fitness centre chains could be used as a reference. In addition, she suggested using the "Demand Side Platform" to reinforce promotion of the event. The platform would consolidate and analyse data of internet users' browsing behaviour. When users browsed other websites or media resources later on, the platform would accurately show advertisements related to their previous browsing behaviour. Products could then be further promoted through the use of the platform.
- (c) Mr Arnold CHUNG opined that e-sports would become an event in the Asian Games and was getting more popular in Hong Kong. He recommended the LCSD consider the addition of e-sports to this year's "Sport For All Day".
- (d) Mr Patrick CHAN supported the choice of shuttlecock as the sport highlighted for promotion on this year's "Sport for All Day". He suggested that the LCSD might co-ordinate with suppliers regarding the supply of shuttlecock, so that members of the public would be able to purchase shuttlecock easily.
- (e) Mr Langton CHEUNG stated that schools held different views about the promotion of e-sports, and their views usually depended on parents' opinions. Mr Langton CHEUNG suggested that the annual "Sport for All Day" could be held earlier in July instead of August, so that schools could actively co-operate and promote the event in campus. In addition, he opined that the LCSD could consider organising "Sport for All Week" to

further promote sport for all, create a better sporting atmosphere in the community and encourage wider participation in the event.

- (f) Dr Anne FUNG of the Department of Health said that the message of having 30 minutes of exercise every day was a proper one for promoting “Sport for All Day”, as the event was targeted at the general public. At present, the EDB had clear instructions for schools concerning the duration and intensity of exercise required for secondary and primary school students. She praised the proposed theme and slogan for their positive message that exercise could bring about physical and mental health benefits. On the other hand, Dr Anne FUNG was concerned about the effects of e-sports on physical and mental health of students and members of the public, especially the possible increase in the time spent on sedentary behaviour (such as focusing on electronic screens).
- (g) Ms Michelle LI of the LCSD thanked Members for their views. Her responses were summarised as follows:
- (i) In support of the National Fitness Day, the LCSD would continue to organise this signature activity on the first Sunday of August each year to encourage participation by people of all ages. For promotion to schools, consideration could be given to organise supporting activities in July through the School Sports Programme as a prelude to “Sport for All Day”.
 - (ii) Shuttlecock was selected to be the sport highlighted this year because it could be played anytime and anywhere, and it was suitable for individual, family or group participation. The LCSD would keep in view the supply of shuttlecock.
 - (iii) There had not been any National Sports Association related to e-sports in Hong Kong yet. The HAB and LCSD would, in great depth, give consideration to and conduct research on the possibility of promoting e-sports as a physical activity and a healthy one for body and mind. Its development would be closely monitored.
 - (iv) The LCSD would keep up with the times and step up its social media advertising. With respect to financial resources, additional resources were given in the previous year to organise “Let’s Dance” as a prelude to the “Sport for All Day” in celebration of the 20th

Anniversary of Hong Kong's return to the motherland. Recurrent resources would be fully utilised this year to achieve synergy.

9. The Chairman thanked Members for their views and Ms Michelle LI for her reply.

Item 5: Plan of Enhancing Sports Facilities as Competition Venues (CSC Paper 03/18)

10. The Chairman invited Mr Horman CHAN of the LCSD to present CSC Paper 03/18 by PowerPoint.

11. Mr Horman CHAN presented CSC Paper 03/18. Members' views on the paper and the LCSD's responses were summarised as follows:

- (a) Mr CHAN Pok-chi supported the proposal. The venues chosen were equipped with barrier-free facilities to facilitate the appreciation of competitions by the disabled. Tiu Keng Leng Sports Centre was a case in point as it was easily accessible; moreover, the large-scale competitions held in that venue could help create a sports ambience at schools in the neighbourhood. In addition, he opined that other venues in the district could co-operate during the competitions and provide related facilities for booking.
- (b) Ms Tina WONG approved of the upgrade of ancillary facilities in the competition venues including the provision of broadband services. She suggested that the venues should designate sufficient space for warm-up for large-scale competitions.
- (c) The Chairman expressed great support for the proposal. While he understood the demand for venues and facilities to hold large-scale competitions, there was a need to cater to the public demand for hiring sports facilities as well. He suggested that the LCSD should submit relevant information to the District Councils during consultation.
- (d) Ms Michelle LI said the chance of hiring sports facilities by the public would not be reduced after the proposal was put into practice. If the competition venues were used for large-scale competitions, corresponding arrangements would be made by the sports centres nearby to strike a

balance between the demands from organisations and the public for recreational and sports facilities.

Item 6: Preparatory Work for the 7th Hong Kong Games (CSC Paper 04/18)

12. The Chairman invited Ms Joanne FU of the LCSD to present CSC Paper 04/18.

13. Ms Joanne FU presented CSC Paper 04/18. Members' views on the paper and the LCSD's responses were summarised as follows:

- (a) Mr Patrick CHAN pointed out that currently most competitions of the Hong Kong Games (HKG) were held at LCSD venues. Due to the limitations of the venues, some popular activities such as distance run were not included in the HKG. He suggested that distance run could be held in non-LCSD venues to attract public participation.
- (b) Ms Joanne FU replied that the HKG had already included Vitality Run for public participation. As various factors had to be taken into consideration when adding a new event in the HKG, the suggestion of including distance run in the HKG would be passed on to the HKG Organising Committee for deliberation.

14. The Chairman thanked Members for their opinions. He said due to the limitations of resources including venues and LCSD manpower, the suggestion of adding an event could be shelved for deliberation by the HKG Organising Committee.

Item 7: Any Other Business

15. Prof LEUNG Mee-lee said the SF&OC and Hong Kong Baptist University would be organising talks on anti-sexual harassment in the sports sector on 30 January (Tuesday) and 1 February (Thursday) 2018 respectively. Interested Members might enrol.

(Post-meeting note: Relevant materials of the two talks were emailed to Members for reference on 25 January by the Secretariat.)

Adjournment of Meeting

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

17. The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 pm.

Community Sports Committee Secretariat

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