

COMMUNITY SPORTS COMMITTEE
Minutes of the 46th Meeting of the Community Sports Committee

Date: 17 October 2019 (Thursday)
Time: 3:00 pm
Venue: Conference Room 401, 4/F, Leisure and Cultural Services
Headquarters, 1-3 Pai Tau Street, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

Present: Mr David YIP Wing-shing (Chairman)
Prof Patrick YUNG Shu-hang (Vice Chairman)
Mr Anson CHEUNG Ho-yin
Mr CHEUNG Ki-tang
Mr Langton CHEUNG Yung-pong
Ms CHU Lai-ling
Mr Arnold CHUNG Chi-lok
Mr Eric FOK Kai-shan
Mr Daniel LEE Chi-wo
Dr LEUNG Pak-yin
Mr LIN Chun-pong
Ms TSANG Tsz-lui
Ms Tina WONG Ting
Mr WONG Wai-shun
Ms Yonny CHAN Mei-yuk (Representative from
Education Bureau)
Dr Rita HO Ka-wai (Representative from
Department of Health)
Mr Paul CHENG Ching-wan (Representative from
Home Affairs Bureau)
Mr Benjamin HUNG Tak-chuen (Representative from
Leisure and Cultural
Services Department)

In Attendance

Mr Ashley LEUNG Pak-wai (Education Bureau)
(for discussion of Item
6(i))
Mr Simon SIT Siu-chi (Education Bureau)
(for discussion of Item 3)

Miss Winnie YEUNG Cin-man	(Home Affairs Bureau)
Mr Vincent LIU Ming-kwong	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Ms Ida LEE Bik-sai	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Ms Annie FUNG Ka-wai	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Ms Camay LEE Kar-mei	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Ms Goldie SHING Lai-kam	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Mr Leo WONG Man-kin	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
	(for discussion of Item 6(iii))
Mr Samuel FUNG Wai-kuen	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
	(Secretary)

Absent with Apologies

Mr Patrick CHAN	
Mr CHAN Pok-chi	
Ms Joephy CHAN Wing-yan	
Ms HON Sze-sze	
Dr Alberto CRUZ	
Mr WONG Po-kee	(Representative from Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China)

Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all Members and representatives of various government departments to the meeting. He also welcomed five new Members, including Dr LEUNG Pak-yin from the medical sector, Mr Eric FOK Kai-shan from the sports sector, Mr Anson CHEUNG Ho-yin and Ms TSANG Tsz-lui from the Member Self-recommendation Scheme for Youth and Ms

Joephy CHAN Wing-yan, a Sham Shui Po District Council member, who was in absentia. He also welcomed Dr Rita HO Ka-wai from the Department of Health (DH), Mr Benjamin HUNG Tak-chuen from the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), and Ms Yonny CHAN Mei-yuk who attended the meeting on behalf of Ms CHAN Pik-wa from the Education Bureau (EDB).

2. On behalf of the Community Sports Committee (CSC), the Chairman welcomed the appointment of Mr Vincent LIU Ming-kwong as the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (LCSD) and Mr Samuel FUNG Wai-kuen as the Secretary of the CSC. He then welcomed Miss Winnie YEUNG Cin-man, Assistant Secretary (Recreation & Sport) of the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB); Ms Annie FUNG Ka-wai, Chief Leisure Manager (Sports Development) and Ms Camay LEE Kar-mej, Chief Leisure Manager (Major Events) of the LCSD; Mr Simon SIT Siu-chi, Education Officer (School Administration) of the EDB, who attended the meeting for the first time, and Mr Ashley LEUNG Pak-wai, Chief Curriculum Development Officer (Council and Secondary), who would join the discussion of Item 6 later.

3. The Chairman expressed his gratitude to Ms Michelle LI, former Director of Leisure and Cultural Services, Ms Rebecca LOU Wai-yi, former Assistant Director of Leisure and Cultural Services, Ms Winnie LEE Fung-ming, former Secretary of the CSC, as well as former Members including Ms LEE Ching-nga, Ms TUNG Kin-lei, Ms WAI Hoi-ying; Ms Nancy WONG Lan-sum from the EDB and Dr Anne FUNG Yu-kei from the DH, for their contribution to the CSC over the past years.

[The Chairman announced taking a group photo to mark the occasion.]

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

4. The draft minutes of the 45th meeting had been emailed to Members for comment on 6 November 2018 by the Secretariat. No proposal for amendment had been received so far, and the minutes were noted by Members which were emailed to them on 27 November 2018. Since no further amendment was proposed at the meeting, the Chairman announced that the minutes of the 45th meeting were endorsed.

Item 2: Matters Arising

5. The Chairman reported that there were no matters arising from the previous meeting and would move on to Item 3.

Item 3: “Opening up School Facilities for Promotion of Sports Development Scheme” (CSC Paper 02/19)

6. The Chairman invited Mr Paul CHENG to present CSC Paper 02/19 by Powerpoint.

7. Mr Paul CHENG presented CSC Paper 02/19. Members’ views and responses from the Bureau were summarised as follows:

(a) Mr WONG Wai-shun said that organisations registered under the current Societies Ordinance were not offered concessionary rates for hiring school facilities. Noting that such non-profit-making organisations were serving the grassroots, he asked why they could not enjoy concessionary rates like charitable institutions which were exempted from tax under Section 88 of the Inland Revenue Ordinance. In addition, he suggested at the last meeting that schools might flexibly allow organisations to use their basketball courts for soccer training, and the HAB had mentioned earlier while introducing the Scheme that some organisations used school facilities for archery training and school halls for soccer training. He asked the HAB to share its experience in handling the insurance issues in these cases, which he believed would help negotiations between sports organisations and schools for co-operation opportunities.

(b) Ms TSANG Tsz-lui said that as reflected by some National Sports Associations (NSAs) on organising training programmes in schools, although there were schools willing to lease their facilities, given the time needed to coordinate on concerns over insurance and liabilities, etc. with school councils and relevant persons, application forms for the programmes might not be submitted on time before the deadline. She asked whether the HAB could provide more flexibility to schools in terms of the deadline of application. Meanwhile, she shared that when the policies that the NSAs purchased covered different districts or schools and the participating schools were included as the insured, with a copy of the

insurance policy available to participating schools for reference, the schools could participate in the Scheme with ease of mind.

- (c) Mr Eric FOK said that the Hong Kong Football Association (HKFA) had been negotiating with schools for conducting futsal training in schools to address the shortage of training venues. He would like to know whether the HKFA was eligible to apply for the Scheme and the details of application.
- (d) Mr Daniel LEE quoted the paper which mentioned that 129 schools were willing to open up their facilities in the 2019/20 school year but only 56 of them leased their facilities to sports organisations successfully. He asked whether the low success rate was attributed to the complex application procedures. Also, he said that many affiliated clubs of the NSAs were interested in joining the Scheme, and he wished to know whether they were aware of the information about the Scheme.
- (e) Dr LEUNG Pak-yin suggested that information technology could be employed to disseminate information of the Scheme on webpages, such as the latest situation of schools leasing facilities to sports organisations, successful cases, ways to handle venues and insurance, etc., for reference by interested organisations. He also suggested that schools might publish a list of facilities for hire on online platforms for reference by interested organisations and schools, so that they could better understand the latest situation and plan for application.
- (f) Mr CHEUNG Ki-tang noticed that the HAB would gradually open the Scheme to other organisations and many organisations registered as societies in the community were organising a variety of activities. He wished to know how the HAB engaged with these organisations. Moreover, the number of schools leasing their facilities to sports organisations successfully was relatively low compared with the number of schools inclined to open up their facilities. In this regard, he suggested that the Scheme be open for participation by more organisations.
- (g) Mr Paul CHENG thanked Members for their views, and gave consolidated responses as follows:

- (i) Following presentation on the Scheme at the last meeting, the HAB had discussed the insurance matters with sports organisations and schools and come to the view that sports organisations hiring school facilities were best placed for handling insurance matters because many of them had experience in organising events and had held events at LCSD venues, thus having rich experience in handling insurance matters. He commented that establishment of mutual trust and partnership between sports organisations and schools took time, and once it was achieved, they would understand each other's needs and concerns. He said that the HAB had received enquiries about insurance matters but later learned that the actual difficulties faced by the enquirers were not significant.
- (ii) Regarding the time for submitting applications, the Bureau generally handled late submissions with flexibility. Applications received too long after the deadline would be handled in the next school term due to administrative reasons.
- (iii) The HKFA was eligible to join the Scheme. Regarding the application procedures, the EDB would issue a circular memorandum to invite participation by schools. The HAB would then forward the list of participating schools with their respective lists of facilities for hire to sports organisations for consideration of whether to hire the facilities concerned as well as direct liaison with the schools. Sports organisations which wished to work with individual schools might also contact the schools on their own initiative to discuss programme arrangements in detail and the schools had a final say on the sports organisations' applications.
- (iv) In terms of matching schools with sports organisations, while the numbers of participating schools were similar in the past and present school years, the number of schools leasing facilities to sports organisations successfully had increased this school year. He hoped that by establishing a good mode of

collaboration within their respective circles, the schools leasing and the sports organisations hiring facilities successfully could serve as a model for implementation of the Scheme. He believed that the Scheme, if well-received, would have potential for continued development.

- (v) The HAB mainly served to disseminate information of the Scheme to NSAs and encourage NSAs to distribute relevant information to their affiliated clubs.
- (vi) Regarding the rates, the EDB had incorporated eligible sports organisations under the Scheme into the category of organisations eligible for reduced rates in its latest guidelines, and encouraged schools to charge the sports organisations at the reduced rates specified in the relevant guidelines. Under the principle of school-based management, schools still had a final say on the rates. He deemed it most important that schools and sports organisations should identify projects of common interest for collaboration. In doing so, schools would actively consider charging sports organisations at the reduced rates specified in the guidelines.
- (vii) Regarding the flow of information, the HAB had provided the list of participating schools with their respective lists of facilities for hire and the relevant information of the Scheme to sports organisations for reference; and would take follow-up actions to revamp the existing webpage so as to provide a platform for sharing of experience and information.
- (viii) To address schools' confidence and safety concerns in opening up their facilities to outside organisations, the HAB would only allow participation of NSAs, district sports associations and recognised sports organisations subvented by the LCSD at the initial stage of the Scheme to boost schools' confidence in the Scheme. This year, as a trial for the first time, other organisations experienced in organising sports activities were also allowed to join the Scheme. Interested groups must provide proof of their capacity, experience and track record in

organising sports activities in schools and the community to maintain schools' confidence in the Scheme. The HAB would decide whether to continue to open the Scheme to other organisations, taking into account the effectiveness and experience of this year's pilot measures.

8. The Chairman thanked Members for their views and Mr Paul CHENG for his responses.

[Mr Simon SIT left the conference room at this juncture.]

Item 4: Report on Sport For All Day 2019 (CSC Paper 03/19)

9. The Chairman invited Mr Samuel FUNG to present CSC Paper 03/19 with the aid of PowerPoint.

10. The Chairman thanked Mr Samuel FUNG for his presentation. Since no enquiry in respect of the paper was raised, Members immediately moved on to Item 5.

Item 5: Report of the 7th Hong Kong Games Organising Committee (CSC Paper 04/19)

11. The Chairman said that the 7th Hong Kong Games (HKG) had successfully concluded. To review the effectiveness of this year's HKG and perfect the arrangements for the next Games, the Organising Committee (OC) had solicited views from different sectors of the community on the HKG and collected opinions from various stakeholders by means of questionnaires through academic institutions. The OC had summarised and reviewed the arrangements of the 7th HKG. He invited Ms Camay LEE, the Secretary General of the OC, to present CSC Paper 04/19 with the aid of PowerPoint.

12. Ms Camay LEE presented CSC Paper 04/19. Members' views and responses from the LCSD were summarised as follows:

- (a) The Chairman said that the 7th HKG had shown significant improvement in terms of organisation, scale, public participation and support. The HKG was indeed conducive to the promotion of sports

development at the district level and enhancement of social cohesion. He thanked the OC, the 18 District Councils (DCs), relevant NSAs, the HAB, the LCSD and various co-organisers for their efforts to make the HKG a success.

- (b) Mr CHEUNG Ki-tang commented that the 7th HKG had fared well in various aspects. He suggested that the School Vitality Run should remain as a family fun activity and different locations, such as the Kwun Tong Promenade or Kai Tak area, might be attempted to raise local residents' initiative in participating in the event. In addition, noting that the turnout at the opening ceremony of the HKG was low, he suggested that the OC consider engaging local residents by inviting cheering teams and distributing admission tickets through DCs.
- (c) Regarding the appeal case mentioned in the paper, Mr WONG Wai-shun commented that the referee's way of handling needed to be improved and an appropriate ruling should be made in accordance with the rules set out in the prospectus. Besides, he had reservations about the proposal to allow athletes to enrol in events with school addresses, saying that the OC should carefully consider whether the proposal would cause confusion. As for the proposal to change the futsal events to seven-a-side soccer games, he said that as the former was an internationally recognised soccer event, replacement by the latter was not recommended. However, the OC might consider introducing seven-a-side soccer as a new event.
- (d) Ms Tina WONG pointed out that the current activities of "M" Mark major sports events were already held in line with the green practices specified in the Waste Reduction Guidebook for Large Scale Event Organisers. She commented that the OC might consider producing souvenirs with environmentally friendly renewable materials and inviting social enterprises or non-governmental organisations to participate in the production of souvenirs.
- (e) Mr Eric FOK shared his views with the meeting as the President of the Hong Kong Miniature Football Association and the Vice Chairman of the HKFA. He said that while seven-a-side soccer games were more popular in Hong Kong for venue and historical

reasons, only futsal and eleven-a-side soccer were international events. At present, apart from eleven-a-side soccer events, the HKFA only organised and promoted futsal events. He held that the HKG should keep futsal events but welcomed the OC to consider introducing seven-a-side soccer as a new event.

13. The Chairman thanked Members for their valuable views and asked the Secretariat of the OC to record them accordingly. These views, together with the opinions collected by academic institutions, would be used for the review of the 7th HKG and as reference for the next Games. Besides, the Chairman again expressed appreciation to colleagues of the LCSO for their efforts and to district councils for encouraging and assisting the local residents to participate, making this HKG more successful than the previous ones. He said that with the support of all parties concerned, the HKG effectively promoted sport for all in the community and achieved participation by all, allowing local athletes opportunities to represent their districts in competitions and, in turn, nurturing their sense of belonging to the district to achieve the real purpose of organising HKG.

[Mr LIN Chun-pong and Mr Langton CHEUNG left the conference room before discussion of Item 6 began.]

Item 6: Any Other Business

(i) Briefing on the Review of School Curriculum

14. The Chairman said that the Task Force on the Review of School Curriculum released the Consultation Document on “Review of School Curriculum” on 28 June 2019 to solicit public views on its preliminary recommendations during the consultation period up to mid-October. Mr Ashley LEUNG of the Education Bureau presented the Consultation Document with the aid of Powerpoint.

15. Mr Ashley LEUNG presented the Consultation Document on “Review of School Curriculum”. Members’ views and responses from the Bureau were summarised as follows:

(a) Mr CHEUNG Ki-tang enquired why students participating in the

School Principal's Nominations 2.0 Direct Admission Scheme could not apply for a change of programme choices after admission to the designated university programmes.

- (b) Mr Ashley LEUNG said that universities could assess recommended students' suitability for direct admission to designated programmes and conduct interviews with them according to their learning abilities, school results and comments from their secondary school principals, without having to wait for the release of DSE results. Therefore, once the university confirmed direct admission of the recommend student and the student accepted the arrangement, both parties were bound and no change of programme choices was allowed after the release of DSE results.

[Mr WONG Wai-shun left the conference room at this juncture.]

(ii) Hong Kong and Shanghai Summer Sports Camp for Youth 2019

16. The Chairman invited Ms Annie FUNG of the LCSD to report on the Hong Kong and Shanghai Summer Sports Camp for Youth 2019 (the Camp) with the aid of PowerPoint.

17. Ms Annie FUNG reported that the Camp was successfully held from 22 to 26 July. Mr CHAN Pok-chi and Ms HON Sze-sze 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 44 and 37 young athletes from Hong Kong and Shanghai respectively. They were accommodated at LCSD Lei Yue Mun Park (Holiday Camp) and received training at various leisure venues. This Camp featured sports exchange activities in basketball, table tennis and badminton.

18. Mr Eric FOK asked whether members of the Shanghai delegation participating in the sports exchange were athletes or the general teenagers.

19. Ms Annie FUNG said that participants of sports exchange from Hong Kong and Shanghai were athletes. It was after both sides' discussion on participants' age and exchange activities that athletes were sent by the NSAs concerned in Hong Kong and the Shanghai Municipal Sports Bureau

respectively for the exchange.

20. The Chairman thanked Mr CHAN Pok-chi and Ms HON Sze-sze for taking up the roles as Head and Deputy Head of the delegation and receiving the Shanghai delegation on behalf of Hong Kong. He also thanked colleagues of the LCSD for rendering meticulous assistance.

(iii) Physical Fitness Survey for the Community

21. The Chairman said that the Advisory Committee for the Physical Fitness Survey (AC) was set up under the CSC in 2005-06 and 2011-12 respectively to provide steer on the Territory-wide Physical Fitness Test for the Community conducted by the LCSD to collect and analyse data on the physical fitness of the public in order to build up a database of the physical fitness of Hong Kong people and make recommendations on the activities that were appropriate to different age groups. The Government was planning to launch the physical fitness survey again in 2019 to collect the latest data on the physical fitness of the public for formulation of long term goals and policies regarding promotion of health through sports for all. The Chairman invited Ms Camay LEE of the LCSD to introduce the present Physical Fitness Survey for the Community (CSC Paper 05/19).

22. Ms Camay LEE presented CSC Paper 05/19. Members' views and responses from the Department were summarised as follows:

- (a) Mr Daniel LEE considered it appropriate to conduct a large scale fitness survey around every 10 years. He noticed that 13 000 people were selected for test sampling in 2011-12, but only about 8 000 valid samples were collected; and that the proposed period of data collection for this survey was shorter than last time. He enquired about the target sampling size and the reason for the shorter data collection period, and whether the target sampling size would be different from last time due to a shorter collection period.
- (b) Prof Patrick YUNG shared his experience in conducting the 2011-12 physical fitness survey with Dr Lo Wing-lok. He said that apart from the LCSD, the survey was also participated by the Education Bureau, the Department of Health, many other personnel and

university students, resulting in no selection bias in the data study and desirable outcome from a statistical perspective. As the physical fitness survey required analysis of data of test subjects ranging from toddlers to middle-aged persons and the elderly, considerable resources and many collaborators would be involved. He therefore hoped that the AC under this committee would take these factors into account in its planning work.

- (c) Ms Camay LEE thanked Members for their views. She responded that the number of valid samples was lower than that of selected test samples in the past exercises because samples of some participants who only completed the questionnaire in part one without taking the physical fitness test in part two could not be accepted as valid samples. Ms Camay LEE said that the AC set up under this committee would make in-depth discussions and decisions on work details such as the number of target samples, method of data collection, relation between questionnaire and physical fitness test, criteria of valid data, etc. of the physical fitness survey in 2019.

23. The Chairman said that with reference to previous arrangements, the CSC would establish an AC under it to advise on the implementation of the survey, publicity and promotion strategies, community involvement, as well as data collection and preparation of report by the professional agent to be commissioned, etc. The membership of the AC would include representatives from the CSC, relevant government departments and professional agent. The roles of the convenor and vice-convenor of the AC would be taken up by representatives from the CSC to be elected at the meeting.

24. The Chairman nominated Dr LEUNG Pak-yin and Mr WONG Po-kee to be the convenor and vice-convenor of the AC respectively. As the former Chief Executive of the Hospital Authority, Dr LEUNG Pak-yin had been concerned about public health for years and had a wealth of knowledge in the area. Mr WONG Po-kee was the representative from the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China. He had been serving at the CSC for years and sparing no effort in promoting sports in the community. The Chairman believed that Dr LEUNG Pak-yin and Mr WONG Po-kee would certainly be able to lead the AC in conducting the relevant work.

25. Dr LEUNG Pak-yin thanked the Chairman for his nomination. As there were no nominations from other Members and no further comments were raised at the meeting, the Chairman announced the setting up of an AC under the CSC and confirmed Dr LEUNG Pak-yin and Mr WONG Po-kee to be the convenor and vice-convenor of the AC respectively. Since Mr WONG Po-kee was excused today, the Chairman asked the Secretariat to convey this to Mr WONG.

26. The Chairman hoped that the LCSD would conduct further preparatory work for the AC as soon as possible and report the progress to the CSC in a timely manner.

(Post-meeting note: The AC revised the project name to the Territory-wide Physical Fitness Survey for the Community at the meeting on 12 November 2019.)

Adjournment of Meeting

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

28. The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 pm.

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