

COMMUNITY SPORTS COMMITTEE

Formation of the 5th Hong Kong Games Organising Committee

Introduction

This paper seeks to report on the progress of the formation of the 5th Hong Kong Games (HKG) Organising Committee (OC) and invite nomination of two committee members to serve as members of the 5th HKGOC.

Background

2. To further promote the “Sport for All” culture in the community, the Sports Commission (SC) and its Community Sports Committee (CSC), in collaboration with the 18 District Councils (DCs), the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, and the relevant National Sports Associations, have organised the HKG biennially since 2007. It is a territory-wide major multi-sport event in Hong Kong with the 18 DCs as the participating units. Its objectives are to provide districts with more opportunities for sports participation, exchanges and co-operation, encourage active public participation in sports, and improve sporting standards at the district level, thus helping to strengthen the public’s sense of belonging to the district they live in, foster the communication and friendship between the 18 districts, and promote community cohesion.

3. The 4th HKG was held from 27 April to 2 June 2013 with a total of 3 137 athletes from the 18 districts participating in the competition events of eight sports, namely athletics, badminton, basketball, futsal, swimming, table tennis, tennis and volleyball. Over 400 000 participants took part in 20 diversified publicity and public participation activities, representing a growth of more than 30% in the overall participation as compared with that of the previous HKG. A report on the review of the 4th HKG was made at the 31st meeting of the CSC on 12 July last year. Members’ views and recommendations consolidated by the secretariat of the OC will be submitted to the 5th HKGOC for reference and follow-up action.

4. Having achieved impressive year-on-year growth in the numbers of participating athletes and participants in various activities since its launch in 2007, the HKG has developed into a significant biennial sports event in the territory.

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5. The 5th HKG to be held in 2015 is preliminarily scheduled for 25 April to 31 May 2015. In order to start the preparation work as early as possible and allow

adequate time to organise all the competitions and launch various publicity activities, we have formulated the structure of the 5th HKGOC (details at the Annex) with reference to the mode of operation of the past HKGs. The Secretary for Home Affairs has officially re-appointed Mr William TONG Wai-lun, Chairman of the CSC cum Chairman of the 4th HKGOC as the Chairman of the 5th HKGOC, while Mr David YIP Wing-shing, Vice Chairman of the CSC cum Vice Chairman of the 4th HKGOC will continue to serve as the Vice Chairman of the 5th HKGOC. In addition, Mr CHAU How-chen has also been re-appointed as the Executive Adviser of the 5th HKG so that he will continue to advise on and share his experience in the planning and preparatory work for the HKG. The collaborating units will send their representatives to serve as the members of the OC in order to participate in various aspects of the organisation work for the 5th HKG.

6. The 5th HKGOC will be formed in early March 2014 and commence the preparatory work in various aspects. The CSC will nominate two of its members to serve as members of the OC. To allow the 18 DCs to have sufficient time to select suitable athletes in their districts for participation in the coming HKG, the OC will decide on the sports events, competition formats, eligibility requirements for athletes, selection mechanisms and so forth in the first half of 2014 by taking into account the experience gained in the 4th HKG and the views and recommendations put forward by various sectors of the community. The OC will also develop comprehensive strategies for the publicity and public participation activities for the 5th HKG and make regular reports to the CSC on the progress of the preparatory work.

Presentation

7. Members are invited to note the progress of the preparation for the HKG and nominate two representatives to serve as members of the 5th HKGOC.

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Structure of the 5th Hong Kong Games Organising Committee

Honorary Patron:	The Hon C Y LEUNG, GBM, GBS, JP The Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China
Honorary Presidents:	Mr Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP President of the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China
	The Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP Member of the Legislative Council
	The Hon MA Fung-kwok, SBS, JP Member of the Legislative Council
President:	Mr TSANG Tak-sing, GBS, JP Secretary for Home Affairs
Adviser:	Mr Raymond YOUNG Lap-moon, JP Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs
Vice President:	Mrs Betty FUNG CHING Suk-ye, JP Director of Leisure and Cultural Services
Chairman:	Mr William TONG Wai-lun, MH, JP Chairman of the Community Sports Committee
Vice Chairmen:	Mr David YIP Wing-shing, BBS, MH, JP Vice Chairman of the Community Sports Committee
	Mr Bobby CHENG Kam-wing, JP Deputy Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Leisure Services)
Executive Adviser:	Mr CHAU How-chen, GBS, JP
Members: (In no particular order)	Two Representatives from the Community Sports Committee
	Representative from the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China
	Representatives from the 18 District Councils
	Representatives from the National Sports Associations in respect of the competition events of the 5th Hong Kong Games
	Miss Olivia CHAN Yeuk-oi, JP Assistant Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Leisure Services)
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