

COMMUNITY SPORTS COMMITTEE

Progress Report on Preparation for the Hong Kong 2009 East Asian Games

INTRODUCTION

This paper updates Members on the progress of preparation for the Hong Kong 2009 East Asian Games (EAG).

BACKGROUND

2. The 5th EAG, the first ever major international multi-sports event to be held in Hong Kong, will take place from 5 to 13 December 2009. The Government and the sports sector are working together to make the event a success.

3. The Government set up the 5th EAG Planning Committee (EAGPC) in June 2004 to oversee and steer the organisation of the EAG. The Planning Committee comprises representatives from relevant Government departments, the sport sector and other sectors of the community including business, banking, airline and tourism. The 2009 EAG (Hong Kong) Limited, which is the executive arm of the 5th EAGPC, was set up in August 2006 to implement and deliver the Games.

4. To give full support to the EAG, the Government has also set up an Organising Committee to advise on and to coordinate efforts of various sectors in the areas of organisation of opening and closing ceremonies; security and accreditation; medical services; traffic and transport; and publicity and community relations.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN PREPARATION FOR THE EAG

5. The preparation for the 2009 EAG is on schedule, and a powerpoint summary outlining the details of the Games is at the Annex for Members' reference.

ADVICE SOUGHT

6. Members are invited to note the progress in the preparation for the EAG.