

SPORTS COMMISSION

Progress Report of the Community Sports Committee

INTRODUCTION

This paper reports on the work of the Community Sports Committee (CSC) since the last update to the Sports Commission (SC) in July 2015.

PROGRESS UPDATE

2. At the 37th and 38th CSC meeting on 4 September 2015 and 3 December 2015 respectively, Members discussed the following issues.

Sport For All Day (SFAD) 2015

3. The SFAD 2015 was held on 2 August. Over 220 000 people participated in the event, among them some 31 800 joined free programmes and 191 000 used leisure facilities free of charge. In collaboration with Physical Fitness Association of Hong Kong, China, the "Easy Fitness Exercise for All" (EFE) was designed and had been promoted in the sports programmes organised by the LCSO and would be introduced to the secondary and primary schools as well as during the fitness workshops for kindergartens' teachers to equip them with the skills to lead the kids to do fitness exercise during school activities.

The 5th Hong Kong Games (HKG)

4. The 5th HKG was concluded in May 2015. More than 3 200 athletes took part in the eight sports events with over 1 000 sports competitions while more than 400 000 people participated in 21 community involvement activities. The 5th HKG Organising Committee (OC) has prepared an evaluation report with recommendations for consideration by the OC of the next HKG.

Hong Kong and Shanghai Summer Sports Camp for Youth 2015 (the Sports Camp)

5. The Sports Camp was held from 20 to 24 July 2015 at the Hong Kong Sports Institute in Hong Kong with the participation of a total of 79 young athletes aged between 11 and 16 from Hong Kong and Shanghai. The selected sports for skill exchange included table tennis, swimming and basketball. The programmes comprised joint training, friendly matches, and visits to sports and cultural venues, etc.

Progress Report on Pilot Scheme for Student Athlete Support (The Scheme)

6. In collaboration with the Hong Kong School Sports Federation, the Pilot Scheme was launched in the 2013/14 school year to provide appropriate support to students from low-income families, so that they could realise their sporting potential. The grant could be used for purchase of personal sports equipment, transportation costs, and school squad coaching fees. Each school is eligible for up to \$10,000 per school year. A total of 363 schools participated in the first year, benefitting about 8 500 students. The Pilot Scheme continued in the 2014/15 school year with a 20% increase in funding ceiling per school to \$12,000, with the eligible expense items expanded to cover course fees and transport costs for participating in the Outreach Coaching Programme (school squad training) and Joint School Sports Training Programme under LCSD's School Sports Programme. The number of participating schools increased by about 34% to 489 schools, benefitting about 13 500 students (an increase of about 59% from 2013/14 school year). Feedback for the scheme had been very positive and the Pilot Scheme continues in the 2015/16 school year, with a further increase in the number of participating schools up to 578, or an increase of about 18%. Members noted the updated progress of the Scheme and provide recommendations for consideration in future.

KEY ITEM TO BE ADDRESSED

7. The key items that the CSC will address in the coming months are overseeing the preparation of the 6th Hong Kong Games and the Sport For All Day 2016.

ADVICE SOUGHT

8. Members are invited to note this update and the key action items set out above.

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