

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 March 2016.

PROGRESS UPDATE

2. Members discussed the following issues at the 40th and 41st CSC meeting on 8 July 2016 and 16 November 2016 respectively.

The 6th Hong Kong Games

3. The Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the 6th Hong Kong Games (HKG) are scheduled to be held on 23 April and 28 May 2017 respectively. The HKG includes eight sports competitions, namely athletics, badminton, basketball, futsal, table tennis, tennis, swimming and volleyball. An Organising Committee, comprising representatives from the CSC, the 18 District Councils (DCs), the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, concerned national sports associations, the Home Affairs Bureau and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, was formed in May this year to oversee the preparation of the Games. Open selection of district athletes for the eight sports competitions is being conducted by the 18 DCs. Apart from sports competitions, a series of community involvement activities will be organised. One of the most popular activities, the Vitality Run, will be held at Shatin Shing Mun Riverside on 8 January 2017. The scale of the event will be enhanced by increasing the quota from 3 800 to 5 100, and upgrading the Run of 8 km to 10 km. To promote sports for the disabled, a swimming competition for persons with intellectual disability and a wheelchair basketball

competition for the physically disabled will be newly included in the 6th HKG.

Progress of Kai Tak Sports Park and Public Engagement Exercise

4. HAB reported the progress of the Kai Tak Sports Park (the Sports Park) at the meeting and introduced the key sports facilities of the Sports Park that including a main stadium, a sports ground and a multi-purpose indoor sports centre. A two-month public engagement exercise was launched from 20 May to 19 July 2016 to collect public views about the Sports Park. The exercise included the launch of a dedicated project website, roving exhibitions in various locations across the territory, a questionnaire survey and consultations with the District Councils concerned. Members noted the updated progress of the Project.

A Consultancy Study on Sport for People with Disabilities in Hong Kong

5. The Government commissioned a consultancy study on Sport for People with Disabilities in Hong Kong in 2015 with a view to identifying ways to support athletes with disabilities and promote sports participation by persons with disabilities in a more comprehensive manner. Upon completion of the consultancy, a three-month public consultation was held from 5 August 2016 to 4 November 2016 to solicit public views on the consultant's findings and recommendations. Members were briefed on the consultancy study at the meeting and expressed their views.

Sport For All Day (SFAD) 2016

6. The SFAD 2016 was held on 7 August. Over 230 000 people participated in the event, among them some 35 800 joined free programmes and 200 000 used leisure facilities free of charge.

Hong Kong and Shanghai Summer Sports Camp for Youth 2016 (the Sports Camp)

7. The Sports Camp was held from 18 to 22 July 2016 at Yucai High School (育才中學), Jingan District (靜安區) of Shanghai with the participation of a total of 80 young athletes aged between 11 and 16 from Hong Kong and

Shanghai. The selected sports for skill exchange included basketball, handball and tennis. The programmes comprised joint training, friendly matches, and visits to sports and cultural venues, etc.

KEY ITEM TO BE ADDRESSED

8. The key items that the CSC will address in the coming months are overseeing the preparation and implementation of the 6th Hong Kong Games and the SFAD 2017.

ADVICE SOUGHT

9. Members are invited to note the progress update and the key action items set out above.

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