

## **SPORTS COMMISSION**

### **Progress Report of the Community Sports Committee**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

This paper reports on the work of the Community Sports Committee (CSC) since March 2023.

#### **PROGRESS UPDATE**

2. At the 53<sup>rd</sup> and 54<sup>th</sup> CSC Meeting on 27 April and 13 December 2023 respectively, members discussed the following issues:

##### ***Report on Sport For All Day 2023***

3. The Sport For All Day 2023 was successfully held by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) on 6 August 2023 and was well received by members of the public. Fitness Exercise for Wellness was the theme for promotion. Over 196 000 people participated in the event, including over 160 000 users of free leisure facilities, 21 000 attendees of free programmes and 15 000 viewers of live webcast on sports demonstrations on the event day through the dedicated website and the "LCSD Plusss" Facebook page. Members were briefed in detail.

##### ***Progress Report on the 9<sup>th</sup> Hong Kong Games (HKG)***

4. The 9<sup>th</sup> HKG Organising Committee and its Standing Committee were set up in June and July 2023 to oversee the preparatory work of the 9th HKG and the Launching Ceremony was held on 23 June 2023. The open selection exercise was held in 18 districts from July 2023 to January 2024 to select athletes to compete in the HKG for their respective districts.

5. "Elite Athletes" Demonstration and Exchange Programmes of Breaking, Sport Climbing, Skateboarding and eight sports namely Athletics, 3-on-3 Basketball, Badminton, Futsal, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Volleyball; and "Sports Seminar" under the "Star-studded Classroom"; as well

as the "Sports Legacy - Exercise to Get Super Fit" of the 9th HKG were held smoothly from September to November 2023, attracting the participation of around 1 300 participants. The 18 Districts' Pledging cum Cheering Team Competition and the Jockey Club Vitality Run were organised on 25 February and 3 March 2024 respectively.

6. The main initiatives of the 9th HKG including the replacement of the basketball by 3-on-3 basketball competitions; introduction of age group divisions aged 15 or below, aged 16-17 and aged 18 or above; increasing the number of nominated teams from one to two or three teams per district for team sports competitions and introduction of three urban sports, namely, Breaking, Sport Climbing and Skateboarding as new urban sports demonstration competitions in order to attract more young people to participate in HKG. Members were briefed in detail and expressed their views.

***Progress Report on the Territory Wide Physical Fitness Survey for the Community (Survey)***

7. The report was endorsed at the CSC meeting on 27 April 2023. The result of the Survey was presented at the Panel on Home Affairs, Culture and Sports meeting and was announced at the Press Conference held at the Kowloon Park Sports Centre in June 2023. Key findings and recommendations of the research report had been shared with relevant stakeholders and government bureau/departments e.g. Education Bureau (EDB) and Department of Health (DH) and had been made known to the public through press release, social media, designated webpage, TV programme and the pamphlets/leaflets. Moreover, a brainstorming meeting with Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau (CSTB), LCSD, DH and EDB was held on 10 July 2023 to follow up and implement the Survey's recommendations which would be suitably reported to the CSC.

8. Based on the survey results, a series of targeted follow-up action plans had been formulated by relevant bureau/government departments, including the LCSD, EDB and DH. The follow-up action plans involved disseminating the results of the Survey through various channels to enable the public to understand the current physical fitness level and the importance of regular participation in sports and physical activities. In addition, the LCSD would organise diversified recreational and sports programmes and promote family-oriented physical activities with a view to meeting the needs of different groups. To further encourage the public to cultivate the habit of regular participation in physical activities, the relevant government departments would educate the public on the World Health Organization's physical activity guidelines through various publicity channels. Ongoing monitoring and data

collection of citizens' physical fitness will also be continued. The LCSD would conduct a comprehensive survey every five years. The next survey would be expected to take place in 2026. Members were briefed in detail and expressed their views.

### ***Report on the Hong Kong and Shanghai Summer Sports Camp for Youth 2023 (Sports Camp)***

9. The Sports Camp was held smoothly from 24 to 28 July at Huangpu District, Shanghai. The Head of Delegation, Professor Patrick YUNG Shu-hang led the delegation to Shanghai, of which a total of 84 young athletes (including 42 from Hong Kong and 42 from Shanghai) participated. The selected sports for skill exchange included volleyball, badminton and tennis. The programmes comprised joint training in relevant sports, friendly matches and visits to historical and scenic spots. Members were briefed in detail of the activity.

### ***Implementation of “Pilot Scheme on Subvention for New Sports” (Pilot Scheme)***

10. The Pilot Scheme was introduced arising from the Comprehensive Review of Sports Subvention Scheme to support the development and promotion of new sports in the community and was first launched in May 2021. In 2023-24, a total of 21 eligible sports organisations had been granted a total subvention of \$2.1 million on project basis for organising 332 programmes which would benefit around 12 800 participants. The Advisory Committee Meeting on Pilot Scheme would be held regularly for reporting the implementation progress and collecting views from members so as to optimise and refine the Pilot Scheme. Members were briefed in detail of the scheme.

### ***Demonstration of using SmartPLAY system***

11. Upon the launch of SmartPLAY, members of the public could book LCSD leisure facilities and enroll programmes through internet, mobile app and around 380 self-service stations at about 240 LCSD's leisure venues including District Leisure Services Offices, sports centres, swimming pools, etc.

12. For facility booking, registered users could submit a total of 3 balloting choices in an application, including sessions of both fee-charging and non-fee charging facilities, on a daily basis, meaning each user could be allocated no more than 3 choices in an application per day.

13. For programme enrolment, there were two types of recreation and sport programmes in total, namely “Training Courses & Recreation Activities”

and “Competitions”. SmartPLAY system would provide a unified and one-stop electronic service platform for the public to enroll programmes. Registered users could submit one electronic ballot application for each type of programmes for all districts each month. Each application might involve up to 10 choices, among which a maximum of only three would be allocated. Members were briefed in detail.

***Introduction of Policy Measures on Promoting Sports Development under the Chief Executive’s 2023 Policy Address***

14. To further promote sports in the community, the Government would implement a series of measures, included continuing to implement the 10-year development blueprint on sports and recreation facilities; providing sports and recreation facilities such as sports centres, sports grounds and parks, amongst which include a swimming pool suitable for hosting international competitions, as well as an arena with fencing training and competition facilities, enhancing the “M” Mark System to support the hosting of more major international sports events in Hong Kong; collaborating with the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China to organise Festival of Sport events on the Sport For All Day; opening sports facilities for free admission on specific festive occasions every year and organising thematic sports days; setting up self-test fitness corners; introducing smart fitness equipment and promoting family-based recreation and sports programmes. Members were briefed in detail and they also expressed their views.

**ADVICE SOUGHT**

15. Members were invited to note the progress reported above.

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