

## **SPORTS COMMISSION**

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

#### **INTRODUCTION**

This paper reports on the work of the Elite Sports Committee (ESC) since the last update to the Sports Commission (SC) in March 2016.

#### **PROGRESS UPDATE**

2. At the meeting held on 8 November 2016, ESC Members discussed the following issues –

##### **Report on the Rio 2016 Olympic Games**

3. The Rio 2016 Olympic Games was held from 5 to 21 August 2016. Medals aside, the Hong Kong, China delegation obtained its best ever results in Rio with 25 athletes obtaining top 16 positions. Of the 38 athletes qualified for the Rio 2016 Olympics, 26 of them were first-time Olympians, and the average age was 23. The ESC discussed the post-games evaluation provided by the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI).

##### **Report on the Rio 2016 Paralympic Games**

4. The Rio 2016 Paralympic Games was held from 7 to 18 September 2016. A total of 24 athletes were qualified and participated in the Paralympics, obtaining six medals: two gold, two silver and two bronze. The ESC discussed the post-games evaluation provided by the Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled (HKPC&SAPD) and the HKSI.

## **Review of Elite Vote Support System (EVSS)**

5. The EVSS was established in 2005. The ESC conducted review of the EVSS after the 2008 and 2012 Olympic Games to ensure that it continues to serve its purpose of identifying sports that should be eligible for support from the HKSI as elite sports to achieve high levels of performance. It was discussed and agreed at the ESC meeting on 8 November 2016 that a similar review be conducted this year and the framework of the review will largely follow that of the 2012 review. As such, a Working Group will be set up to conduct the review and make recommendations for consideration by the ESC and SC.

## **Support for Retired Athletes - Hong Kong Athletes Career and Education Programme (HKACEP)**

6. At the ESC Meeting on 3 February 2016, Members discussed at length support for retired athlete. The HKACEP, established in 2007-2008, has been providing education and career support for retired athletes (not just elite athletes). ESC Members were briefed on the work of HKACEP. Constructive views were given by ESC Members to enhance support to athletes on career planning and transformation.

## **ADVICE SOUGHT**

7. Members are invited to note the progress update.

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