

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 July 2021.

Progress Update

2. At the 46th meeting held on 26 November 2021, the ESC discussed the following issues.

Report on the Tokyo Summer Olympic Games and Paralympic Games

3. The Hong Kong, China Delegation achieved the best ever results of one gold, two silver and three bronze medals in five sports in Hong Kong history at the Tokyo Olympic Games (OG), as well as the outstanding results of two silver and three bronze medals in three sports at the Tokyo Paralympic Games (PG). A number of athletes also broke Hong Kong records or attained personal best results at these two Games.

4. Hong Kong, China ranked 49th out of 206 participating countries/regions in the Tokyo OG medal table, and took the 68th place amongst 162 countries/regions in the Tokyo PG medal table.

5. Details are set out in Paper No. SC 2/2022.

Review of the Elite Vote Support System

6. With the endorsement of the SC, the Elite Vote Support System (EVSS) has been implemented since 2005 as a system to select elite sports for funding support and has been reviewed after every episode of the OG. The current three-tier structure (i.e. Tier A*, Tier A and Tier B) of the EVSS has been established since 2013 upon review of the EVSS after the 2012 London OG. The current Generic Scoring Table, evaluation mechanism of the Elite Vote (EV) scores of sports and benchmarks for Tier A and Tier B have been

adopted since 2017 upon review of the EVSS after the 2016 Rio OG. The EVSS for para sports has been introduced since 2019-20 upon completion of a pilot scheme with the 2018 Asian Para Games as target.

7. Following the completion of the Tokyo OG and PG, the ESC discussed and considered it timely to review the EVSS to ensure that it continues to serve its purpose of identifying sports that should be eligible for support from the Hong Kong Sports Institute in terms of their potential for athletes from the sport to achieve high levels of performance. On 24 December 2021, the Home Affairs Bureau invited “national sports associations” to complete a questionnaire on the review of the EVSS by 21 January 2022. As at 25 January 2022, a total of 33 completed questionnaires were received. A working group would be set up under the ESC to review the responses from NSAs, review the EVSS and make recommendations for consideration by the ESC and the SC.

Advice Sought

8. Members are invited to note the progress reported above.

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