

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 January 2022.

Progress Update for 2022

2. At the 47th, 48th and 49th meetings held on 16 March 2022, 24 June 2022 and 15 November 2022 respectively, the ESC discussed the following issues.

Hong Kong Sports Institute Limited 2022-23 Annual Plan and Budget

3. The Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) requested for an allocation of \$737 million from the Elite Athletes Development Fund (EADF) for 2022-23, which was the same as the allocation in 2020-21 and 2021-22. Having considered the operational needs and requirements of the HKSI in the financial year of 2022-23, as well as the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the sports sector, the ESC endorsed the HKSI's 2022-23 Annual Plan and Budget and recommended its submission to the SC for consideration, which was subsequently endorsed by the SC (Paper No. SC 8/2022) at its meeting of 31 March 2022.

Review of Elite Vote Support System for Para Sports

4. The Elite Vote Support System (EVSS) for para sports has been implemented since 2019-20 upon the completion of a pilot scheme which was introduced in December 2017. In consultation with the HKSI and the “national sports associations” (NSAs), a review of the EVSS for para sports was conducted after the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games. Taking into account the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the performance of para sports, the ESC endorsed various enhancements to the EVSS for para sports. The SC also endorsed the proposed recommendations as detailed in Paper No. SC 12/2022 at its meeting of 28 June 2022.

Elite Vote Support System for Able-bodied Sports

5. Following the latest review of the EVSS for able-bodied sports, the ESC endorsed and the SC approved the proposed changes to the EVSS on 16 and 31 March 2022 respectively. It was previously recommended that the current status of all current Tier A and Tier B sports be extended till March 2023, that these elite sports would be evaluated by March 2023 based on sports results in a four-year period from 2019-2022, and that the outcome of the evaluation of sports would likewise be conducted by March 2023. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Hangzhou Asian Games (AG) have been postponed to September-October 2023. In this light, the ESC endorsed and recommended for SC's consideration extending the current status of all current Tier A (including Tier A*) and Tier B sports to March 2025, as well as to evaluate the elite sports by March 2025 based on sports results in 2021-2024. Details are set out in Paper No. SC 19/2022.

Development Programme for Team Sports 2018-2023

6. The Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau (CSTB) held review meetings in August and September 2022 with relevant NSAs on the performance of the team sports supported under the programme and were briefed on teams' preparation efforts for the Hangzhou AG. In view of the postponement of the Hangzhou AG, the CSTB proposed to extend the programme for one year to 31 December 2023, along with other refinements as detailed in Paper No. SC 20/2022, to continue providing support to the team sports in preparation for the postponed Hangzhou AG. The ESC endorsed the CSTB's proposal and recommended its submission to the SC for consideration.

Progress Update for 2023

7. The new two-year term of the ESC commenced on 1 January 2023. The 50th meeting was held on 9 March 2023 which discussed the following issue.

HKSIL 2023-24 Annual Plan and Budget

8. The HKSI requested an allocation of \$863 million from the Elite Athletes Development Fund (EADF) for 2023-24, which marked a 17.1% increase compared to the allocation in 2022-23. Having considered the operational needs and financial requirements of the HKSI in the coming financial year, ESC Members endorsed the 2023-24 Annual Plan and Budget of the HKSIL, and recommended its submission to the SC for further deliberation. Details are set out in Paper No. SC 3/2023.

Advice Sought

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

**Sports Commission Secretariat
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