

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 2015.

PROGRESS UPDATE

2. At the ESC meeting on 23 June 2015, Members discussed the following issues –

Progress of preparation of athletes in Tier A* sports for the 2016 Rio Olympic Games

3. The 2016 Rio Olympic Games (the Games) will take place in August 2016. The Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) presented the latest progress with regard to the preparation of athletes in the four Tier A* sports, i.e., Badminton, Cycling, Table Tennis and Windsurfing for the Games.

Educational and career development support for elite athletes

4. At the meeting of the Panel on Home Affairs of the Legislative Council held on 10 April 2015, the Secretary for Home Affairs briefed Panel Members on issues related to the educational and career development support provided to elite athletes. The paper was presented to the ESC for information.

Development of young athletes

5. ESC was briefed on aspects of the development of young athletes, including identification of potential young athletes through feeder systems conducted by “national sports associations”, and the support of national and junior squad members by the HKSI. Representatives of the Hong Kong, China Rowing Association and the Hong Kong Squash attended the meeting to share their experience in the development of young potential athletes.

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ADVICE SOUGHT

6. Members are invited to note the progress update.

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