

SPORTS COMMISSION

Report on the 12th National Student Sports Games in Shanghai

PURPOSE

This paper reports to Members the performance of Hong Kong student athletes at the 12th National Student Sports Games (NSSG) in Shanghai.

BACKGROUND

2. The NSSG is the most important and highly competitive sports games in the Mainland China for secondary school students. The Games is organised every three years and the format is similar to that of the National Games. Student athletes from 34 provinces and special administrative regions will compete at various sports and at the same time cultivate their friendship. Based on past record, quite a number of student athletes will later become national athletes representing China in international Games.

3. The Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation (HKSSF) is entrusted to select athletes to represent Hong Kong schools to participate in the Games. A series of selection trails and intensive training has been conducted in the preparation for the Games. With the subvention from the Hong Kong Government, the HKSSF has participated in the past six Games, i.e. 1999 in Guangzhou, 2002 in Nanjing, 2005 in Zhengzhou, 2009 in Changsha, 2011 in Baotou and the latest one in Shanghai.

4. The 12th NSSG was held in Shanghai from 28 July to 2 August 2014, and the next NSSG will be held in Hangzhou in 2017, the first combined Games for students of University and Secondary School.

HONG KONG DELEGATION

5. The Hong Kong delegation comprised of 42 athletes from four sports events, namely, athletics, swimming, table tennis and wushu, and 29 officials. The Secretary for Home Affairs attended the opening ceremony and visited athletes of all the four sports.

6. The Hong Kong delegation achieved the best ever overall ranking of 10th out of 34 delegations since the first participation of the Games in 1999. A Second Class Honour (Position 9-18) has been awarded. Furthermore, the Hong Kong delegation was awarded the Sportsmanship Award (體育道德風尚獎). In addition, the athletics, swimming and table tennis teams, and a total of seven athletes were awarded Sportsmanship Awards (體育道德風尚獎運動隊及運動員).

7. Hong Kong student athletes obtained a total of 8 medals, i.e. 1 gold, 3 silver and 4 bronze, in athletics, wushu and swimming events. Details are set out below –

| Sport | Athlete | Event | Medal |
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| Athletics | Cheung Wang-fung | 110M Hurdles | Gold |
| Athletics | Wong Cheuk-hei, Harry Lau Kin-hei WongTsz-hin Koo Yue-kwan (Heat) Cheung Wang-fung (Final) | 4 x 100M Relay | Silver |
| Wushu | Chan Cheuk-lam, Jessica | Taijiquan | Silver |
| Swimming | Tam Hoi-lam | 100M Butterfly | Silver |
| Swimming | Yeung Jamie Zhen-mei | 100M Breaststroke | Bronze |
| Swimming | Cheung Yau-ming | 100M Backstroke | Bronze |
| Swimming | Ho Tin-long | 100M Butterfly | Bronze |
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8. With the zealous support from team doctors and physiotherapists, the Hong Kong delegation enjoyed the best possible immediate medical care and treatment during the Games. Updated results, vivid stories and news of the teams were published daily before and during the competitions on one of the leading local newspaper. Furthermore, a cheering group of 33 persons, including parents and relatives of student athletes, was formed and provided tremendous support to the delegation.

ADVICE SOUGHT

This is the version of the original paper which has been edited for length

9. Members are invited to note the above and provide comments.

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