

COMMUNITY SPORTS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 16th Meeting of Community Sports Committee

Date: 27 June 2008 (Friday)

Time: 10:30 am

Venue: Conference Room I, Home Affairs Bureau, 41/F, Revenue Tower,
5 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong

Present Mr CHAU How-chen (Chairman)
Mrs Susana CHAN LO Yin-bing
Mr Norman CHAN Shui-tim
Ms CHAU Chuen-heung
Mr Francis CHAU Yin-ming
Prof CHEUNG Siu-yin
Mr Cowen B C CHIU
Mr Alan CHOW Yiu-ming
Mr FUNG Kwong-chung
Mr James KONG Tze-wing
Mr Benedict LEE Shui-sing
Mrs Laura LING LAU Yuet-fun
Mr YEUNG Hoi-cheung
Prof LEUNG Mee-lee

Department Representatives in Regular Attendance

Ms Olivia CHAN Yeuk-oi (Representative from Leisure and Cultural
Services Department)
Dr LAM Man-kin (Representative from Department of Health)
Dr CHOW Wah (Representative from Education Bureau)
Ms Olivia YIP Wai-ling (Representative from Social Welfare
Department)

Absent with Apologies

Mr CHAN Kui-yin
Mr Kenny CHOW Kun-wah
Mr LEUNG Che-cheung
Dr LO Wing-lok
Mr PUI Kwan-kay
Mr SUEN Kai-cheong

Mr Kenneth TSUI Kam-cheung
Mr TONG Wai-lun
Ms WONG Chin-kiu (Representative from Home Affairs Bureau)
Ms LI Wan-in (Representative from Home Affairs
Department)

In Attendance

Mr Thomas CHOW Tat-ming (Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Mr Vincent LIU Ming-kwong (Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Mrs Kane LI CHOI Wing-kwan (Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Ms LAM Sau-ha (Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Ms LOK Kit-ha (Secretary) (Leisure and Cultural Services Department)

Opening Remarks

1.1 The Chairman welcomed all Members and representatives from various government departments to the Meeting. In particular, he welcomed Dr LAM Man-kin of the Department of Health to attend the Meeting.

1.2. The Chairman announced that Mr John FAN, the Vice-chairman, had rendered a written resignation to the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) to resign from the post of Vice-chairman of the Community Sports Committee (CSC) and relevant duties for personal reasons. The Secretary for Home Affairs, the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) and the Chairman felt deeply sorry for Mr FAN's resignation and respected his decision. The HAB had given Mr FAN a reply, expressing their gratitude to him for his valuable opinions, dedication and contribution given during his term of office as the Vice-chairman of the CSC. The Chairman hoped that Mr FAN would continue to support and promote the development of community sports in Hong Kong.

Item 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the 15th Meeting of the CSC

2.1 The Secretariat sent the draft minutes of the 15th Meeting to Members for comment by fax on 16 June and hitherto had not received any proposals for amendments. As there was no amendment proposed at the Meeting, the Chairman announced the minutes of the 15th Meeting was endorsed.

Item 2: Matters Arising

(i) Report on the Follow-up Actions of “Strategies for Promoting Community Sports”

3.1 The Chairman invited Ms LOK Kit-ha of the LCSD to report the latest progress of the follow-up actions of the “Strategies for Promoting Community Sports”.

3.2 Ms LOK Kit-ha briefed Members on the progress of the Study on the Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activities, intensification of the scope of School Sports Programme (SSP) and better utilisation of school sports facilities. The report of the Organising Committee of the 2nd Hong Kong Games (HKG) would be introduced in details later in the Meeting. Regarding the questionnaire survey on the Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activities, the LCSD had commissioned Consumer Search Hong Kong Limited to conduct the survey. The questionnaire survey was to be conducted in two phases in May and September respectively. About 4 000 domestic households would be selected for face-to-face interviews by random sampling. In the first phase, 2 000 domestic households would be interviewed by early July. The Consultant (The Chinese University of Hong Kong) would then compile a report by consolidating the data collected from the study and the questionnaire survey conducted in two phases, and identify the participation patterns of Hong Kong people in physical activities and propose feasible options for the direction of future development of community sports. The whole study was expected to be completed by the end of this year. Regarding the intensification of the scope of SSP, the LCSD had actively launched a series of promotional programmes to raise the school participation rate to 85% and 90% in 2008/09 and 2009/10 respectively. With regard to opening up school facilities, the number of schools having given consent to open up their facilities had increased to 47.

Item 3: Community Promotional Programmes in Support of the Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games (CSC Paper 3/08)

4.1 The Chairman invited Ms LOK Kit-ha of the LCSD to brief Members on the CSC Paper 3/08 by PowerPoint and requested Members to refer to the information tabled at the meeting.

4.2 Ms LOK Kit-ha briefed Members on the CSC Paper 3/08. The Chairman invited Members to give their views on the Paper.

4.3 Dr LAM Man-kin said that the Olympic Equestrian Events were one of the main tasks of our nation and that the Beijing Organising Committee for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad had appointed the Director of Health as the Chief Medical Manager in the Hong

Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) to co-ordinate all matters concerning the safeguarding of public health and medical services. The Department of Health was actively implementing various preparatory work. He stated that he had attended a seminar organised by the Ministry of Health of China and the Beijing Centres for Diseases Control and Prevention in Beijing last year. One of the main concerns of the seminar was that the host cities could help perpetuate the Olympic spirit and the culture of sports. He pointed out that the activities mentioned in the Paper covered the element of encouraging active public participation. He was of the view that indicators might be formulated to assess the factors contributed to the successful organisation of the Olympic Equestrian Events after its completion. Other programmes such as the SSP and the Sport Education Programme could be substantively promoted in schools by using the indicators for assessment.

Item 4: Report of the 2nd Hong Kong Games Organising Committee (CSC Paper 4/08)

5.1 The Chairman invited Mrs LI CHOI Wing-kwan, Secretary General of the 2nd Hong Kong Games Organising Committee, to brief Members on the CSC Paper 4/08.

5.2 Mrs LI CHOI Wing-kwan briefed Members on the CSC Paper 4/08. The Chairman invited Members to give their views on the Paper.

5.3 Members' views on the organisation of the 2nd HKG were summarised as follows:

- (a) Mr YEUNG Hoi-cheung said that people who had resided in Hong Kong for at least three years were allowed to participate in the sports events of the HKG. However, there were three asterisks on the Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card and there were no such asterisks on the Hong Kong Identity Card even though the holders might have resided in Hong Kong for at least three years, it might be difficult to verify the eligibility of participants.
- (b) Mrs LI CHOI Wing-kwan said in response that the date shown on the one-way permit could be used to verify if the participant met the requirement of residing in Hong Kong for at least three years. Staff of the district offices of the LCSD were aware that where the identity card of a participant did not contain the three asterisks, the participant must produce other proofs of duration of residency in Hong Kong.
- (c) The Chairman remarked that in the review of the 1st HKG, it was proposed to widen the coverage of eligible participants and to relax the eligibility requirement for athletes. Therefore, those who had resided in Hong Kong for at least three years were also allowed to participate in the sports events of the HKG. He pointed out that as there were many young players who had not

resided in Hong Kong for at least seven years but their skills were at a certain level, he hoped that they could be given a chance to participate in the HKG.

- (d) Mr YEUNG Hoi-cheung stated that some holders of one-way permits would return to the Mainland for study and living after their arrival in Hong Kong and therefore could not meet the eligibility requirement of residing in Hong Kong for at least three years.
- (e) The Chairman said that participants were required to produce residential proofs to the 18 district councils. Mrs LI CHOI Wing-kwan believed that there would not be many such cases. To encourage active public participation, anyone whose one-way permit showed that he/she had resided in Hong Kong for not less than three years would be allowed to participate in the HKG.
- (f) Mr Norman CHAN remarked that it took much effort to form a team. In the review of the 1st HKG, it was proposed to offer participation teams more opportunities for taking part in competitions. He would like to know the number of matches of the 2nd HKG.
- (g) Mrs LI CHOI Wing-kwan said that the 1st HKG mainly adopted the single knock-out system for its competitions. Members' opinions expressed in the review were accepted and athletes would be given more opportunities for taking part in competitions. In the 2nd HKG, the team events of the badminton, table tennis and tennis competitions and the preliminary round of the basketball competition would be divided into four geographical groups (namely Hong Kong Island, Kowloon, New Territories East and New Territories West). The single round robin system on a group basis would be adopted and the two districts with the best results in each group would enter the quarter-finals. Therefore, the number of matches would increase over last year. Moreover, with the two new sports items added this year, i.e. swimming and tennis, competition opportunities would also be increased correspondingly. The Chairman remarked that participation teams of the Hong Kong Island and New Territories East would be able to take part in at least three basketball matches, whereas participation teams of Kowloon and New Territories West could take part in at least four.
- (h) Mr Norman CHAN was of the opinion that three matches were not many and hoped that there would be four to five matches if resources were available in the future.

- (i) Mrs LI CHOI Wing-kwan remarked that as the design of the emblem of the 1st HKG was quite distinctive with rather wide recognition, the Organising Committee had endorsed to use the same emblem for the 2nd HKG. She circulated the information of the emblem for Members' reference.

5.4 The Chairman thanked Members for their valuable opinions.

Item 5: Any Other Business

(i) “Hong Kong and Shanghai Summer Sports Camp for Youth 2008”

6.1 Ms Annie LAM of the LCSD reported that in 2004, the HAB of the Government of the HKSAR and the Shanghai Sports Bureau signed the “Sports Exchange & Co-operation Agreement”, in which both cities agreed to take turns to host the “Hong Kong and Shanghai Summer Sports Camp for Youth”. The fourth sports camp would be held from 21 to 25 July 2008 at the Tso Kung Tam Outdoor Recreation Centre in Hong Kong. The sports exchange programmes covered activities on basketball, tennis and swimming for youths of Hong Kong and Shanghai aged between 11 and 15. Participants were required to pay for their transportation, food, accommodation and sightseeing. The summer camp would last for five days and four nights, with activities including training, competitions and visits to the Shing Mun Valley Swimming Pool, the Ocean Park and the Hong Kong Disneyland. The number of participants in Hong Kong and Shanghai would be 43 and 50 respectively. The organiser of the summer camp was the HAB of the HKSAR and the supporting organisations were the Hong Kong Amateur Swimming Association, the Hong Kong Basketball Association and the Hong Kong Tennis Association. She said that according to previous arrangements, the leader and deputy leader of the Hong Kong side of the 2007 camp would be invited to continue to serve as the leader and deputy leader of the 2008 camp. However, as Mr FAN Kam-ping had already resigned from the CSC, she suggested inviting the Chairman and Prof CHEUNG Siu-yin to be the leader and deputy leader of the summer camp this year, who would be responsible for receiving the Shanghai Delegation.

6.2 The Chairman asked if Members had any other opinions concerning the above arrangement. There being no other opinions, the leader and deputy leader of the summer camp this year would be the Chairman and Prof CHEUNG Siu-yin, who would be responsible for receiving the Shanghai Delegation.

(ii) Report on “Beijing 2008 Olympic Games Co-host Cities – Sports Exchange Programme”

7.1 The Chairman said that “Beijing 2008 Olympic Games Co-host Cities – Sports Exchange Programme” had been organised by Beijing and Qingdao since 2004 with a view to

welcoming the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games and promoting exchange and cooperation among the co-host cities of the Beijing Olympics. Hong Kong was invited to participate in the programme in 2007. The 2007 programme was held in Hong Kong, featuring sports demonstrations by Beijing and Qingdao. This year, Beijing invited Hong Kong again to participate in the sports exchange programme held in Beijing between 16 and 19 May, featuring sports demonstrations with the Olympics as the theme in order to promote the Olympic spirit and create a strong sports ambience to welcome the Beijing Olympic Games. The LCSD sent a delegation of 25 headed by the Chairman himself and invited 3 Members of the CSC, including Mr PUI-Kwan-kay, Mr FUNG Kwong-chung and Mr Francis CHAU to participate in this exchange programme. Besides, performing teams from 3 national sports associations, including the Hong Kong DanceSport Association, the Physical Fitness Association of Hong Kong, China and the Hong Kong Rope Skipping Association, China gave sports demonstrations on dance sport, diversified fitness activities and rope skipping respectively which earned the appreciation of representatives from Beijing and Qingdao. The Chairman commented that this exchange programme further strengthened the cooperation and understanding among Hong Kong, Beijing and Qingdao. This invaluable experience could be of good reference for the future development and promotion of Sport for All. The Chairman hoped that connection with the Mainland could be further enhanced in the future to further promote local sports development.

7.2 Mr FUNG Kwong-chung remarked that he was very pleased to have an opportunity to participate in this sports exchange programme. He thanked Mr CHAU, the Chairman for leading the delegates and LCSD staff for their efforts in the preparation work. He commented that seminars on the first day could help understand the three cities' policies in promoting community sports and measures to engage the whole community in the Olympics. On the second and third days of the sports exchange programme, sports demonstrations by Beijing and Qingdao were featured while the three sports demonstrations by Hong Kong were well received by the representatives from Beijing and Qingdao. He believed that the LCSD selected the demonstration items after careful and thorough consideration. He thought that the 25 delegates had acquired invaluable experience in this exchange programme. Mr FUNG wished to thank the delegation leader and the LCSD for the thoughtful arrangement.

7.3 Mr Francis CHAU was of the opinion that the three Olympic Games co-host cities must have benefited from the two exchange programmes. He said that the seminars on the first day helped him understand the promotion of community sports in Beijing and Qingdao in terms of resources, policies, indicators, etc. Since he had an opportunity to be a part of the Working Group on the Study on the Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activities led by Dr Lo Wing-lok, he hoped to share with members of the Working Group the information on promotion of community sports in the Mainland and experience acquired in the exchange programme concerned in future discussions.

7.4 The Chairman thanked Members who joined the exchange programme and the LCSD for the arrangement.

Adjournment of Meeting

8.1 Members did not raise any other items. The Chairman thanked Members for attending the meeting.

8.2 The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

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