

COMMUNITY SPORTS COMMITTEE
Minutes of the 55th Meeting of the Community Sports Committee

Date: 21 June 2024 (Friday)
Time: 3:00 pm
Venue: Conference Room 401, 4/F, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters, 1-3 Pai Tau Street, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

Present:

Prof Patrick YUNG Shu-hang (Chairman)	
Mr CHAU Ngai-man	
Mr Anson CHEUNG Ho-yin	
Mr Claudius LAM Chi-kin	
Dr Carman LEUNG Ka-man	
Dr LEUNG Pak-yin	
Mr POON Ka-hang	
Prof Cindy SIT Hui-ping	
Mr Edmond YIU Yik-ming	
Mr WONG Kam-po	(Representative of Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China)
Mr LEE Hong-lai	(Representative [Attended on of the behalf of Ms Education Grace LAW Bureau) Kit-ling]
Dr Joanna LEUNG Mei-hung	(Representative [Attended on of the behalf of Dr Department of Rita HO Ka-Health) wai]
Ms Camay LEE Kar-mei	(Representative of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department)

In Attendance

Mr Vincent LIU Ming-kwong	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Miss Winnie CHUI Hiu-lo	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Ms HUE Kam-ching	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Ms Cary LAI Ka-wai	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Ms Iris YAU Yuk-kuen	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Ms Doris LO Sau-wah	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department) (Secretary)

Absent with Apologies

Mr Eric FOK Kai-shan (Vice Chairman)
Ms Joephy CHAN Wing-yan
Ms CHAN Yuen-ting
Mr CHU Ho-yin
Dr Jim LUK
Ms MA Man-sum
Mr Jimmy LEE Ka-wai
Mr Jason MAK Tsz-shun
Ms Sherry TSAI Hiu-wai
Ms TSANG Tsz-lui
Mr Moses WU Chi-kei (Representative of the Culture,
Sports and Tourism Bureau)

Opening Remarks

1. The Chairman welcomed Members and representatives of government departments, including Mr LEE Hong-lai, the representative of the Education Bureau (EDB) and Ms HUE Kam-ching, Ms Cary LAI Ka-wai and Ms Iris YAU Yuk-kuen, the representatives of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), who attended the meeting for the first time, to the meeting of the Community Sports Committee (CSC).

2. The Chairman expressed that the Secretariat had earlier emailed the meeting papers to Members for reference. If Members had any direct or indirect pecuniary interests relating to any agenda item to be discussed, they should make a declaration regarding this to the CSC before deliberation of such an item. The interests declared by Members would be put in the minutes of the meeting.

Item 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of Last Meeting of the CSC

3. The draft minutes of the 54th meeting were emailed to Members for perusal on 28 February by the Secretariat. No proposal for amendment had been received so far, and the minutes were emailed to Members for information on 15 March. Since no further amendment was proposed at the meeting, the Chairman announced confirmation of the minutes of the 54th meeting.

Item 2: Matters Arising

(i) **Progress Report on Territory-wide Physical Fitness Survey for the Community**

4. The Chairman invited Ms Doris LO Sau-wah of the LCSD to report on the progress of the follow-up actions over the past six months.

5. Ms LO remarked that the LCSD, EDB and Department of Health had been following up on the various action plans drawn up based on the survey findings to enable members of the public to understand their current physical fitness level and realise the importance of regular participation in sports and physical activities. Such follow-up measures included stepping up publicity efforts on the survey findings and relevant recommendations to raise public awareness of the issues; actively organising diverse physical activities, including recreation and sports activities suitable for families, students and people of different ages, with a view to meeting the needs of different groups; further publicising the “Physical Activity Guidelines”, while encouraging the public to develop a habit of regular physical exercise through different means, such as updating the dedicated webpage of the “Healthy Exercise for All Campaign” and launching health programmes and activities in the community and schools; and setting up self-test fitness corners to enable members of the public to conduct simple physical fitness tests in a self-service manner to monitor their physical fitness level in a sustained manner.

6. The Chairman thanked Ms LO for her briefing. He remarked that government departments would proceed with the follow-up actions in different aspects of work by encouraging members of the public to do regular exercise and develop such a habit through different means, in the hope of improving their physical fitness.

(ii) Report of the 9th Hong Kong Games Organising Committee (CSC Paper 01/24)

7. The Chairman remarked that the 9th Hong Kong Games (HKG) was concluded successfully with the overall smooth preparation and operation, enhanced organisation and greater scale. It was encouraging to see that more than 940 000 people participated in this year’s HKG and over 260 000 people watched the live online broadcast of the finals. For optimisation of the next HKG, the Organising Committee would evaluate the effectiveness of the 9th HKG by soliciting views from different sectors of society, which together with recommendations, would be reported to Members in the next meeting for reference when planning for the next HKG. The Chairman invited Ms HUE of the LCSD to brief on the content of CSC Paper 01/24 and report on the work report of the HKG with the aid of PowerPoint.

8. The Chairman thanked Ms HUE for her briefing. He expressed that the 9th HKG had shown significant improvement in terms of organisation, scale, public participation and support. The HKG was indeed conducive to the promotion of sports development at the district level and enhancement of social cohesion. The Chairman thanked the 9th Hong Kong Games Organising

Committee, Home Affairs Department, Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC), national sports associations (NSAs) of the respective sports events and LCSD for their efforts to make the HKG a success. Individual events in the 9th HKG were divided into three age groups, namely “15 or below”, “16 to 17” and “18 or above”, to encourage more members of the public, especially young people, to participate in the HKG. This year’s HKG received an overwhelming response, with over 1 500 youths participating in the event. The Chairman again extended gratitude to Members for their support by attending the Opening Ceremony, Closing cum Prize Presentation Ceremony and Jockey Club Vitality Run to participate in the events together.

9. Dr LEUNG Pak-yin enquired as to why there were more gold medals than silver and bronze medals in this year’s HKG. Ms HUE responded that it was due to the fact that there were more team members in the champion teams of some team events than in the first runner-up and second runner-up teams.

10. Dr Carman LEUNG Ka-man remarked that it was commendable to increase the number of teams to be nominated by each district for team events and enhance publicity of this year’s HKG. Dr LEUNG proposed that sports events for the elderly should be introduced to offer more opportunities for them to participate in the event.

11. Ms HUE thanked Members for their views and expressed that their recommendations would be put on record for reference when planning for the next HKG.

12. The Chairman thanked Members for their views, which facilitated the review of this year’s HKG and optimisation of the next HKG.

Item 3: Proposal on “Sport For All Day 2024” (CSC Paper 02/24)

13. The Chairman invited Ms LO of the LCSD to brief Members on the Proposal on “Sport For All Day (SFAD) 2024” as set out in CSC Paper 02/24.

14. Ms LO gave a briefing of SFAD 2024 as set out in CSC Paper 02/24 with the aid of PowerPoint.

15. The Chairman thanked Ms LO for her briefing. He believed that members of the public would be interested in the event, given that over 10 organisations would either hold free recreation and sports programmes for public participation or open facilities for their free use on the event day to show support.

16. Mr CHAU Ngai-man was highly delighted to note the participation of water-based activities organisations including yacht clubs. It was hoped that the event would receive more support from the community thanks to the

publicity campaigns by the Department. He also supported the idea of collaboration between the Department and the SF&OC to set up activity booths and promote Olympic sports, so that more members of the public can be engaged to take part in sports activities. Meanwhile, he proposed that the inclusion of demonstration sports events such as windsurfing should be considered in future to promote water-based activities.

17. Mr Edmond YIU Yik-ming welcomed the LCSD's ongoing move to upload the promotional materials of major events such as SFAD onto online platforms of social and welfare organisations for wider publicity. Besides, he was delighted to see the support from other organisations by holding free recreation and sports programmes or opening their facilities for free use on the event day.

18. The Chairman thanked Members for their views. He encouraged them to show support by participating in the programmes at the venues on the event day.

Item 4: Any Other Business

(i) The “Hong Kong and Shanghai Summer Sports Camp for Youth 2024”

19. The Chairman expressed that the “Hong Kong and Shanghai Summer Sports Camp for Youth 2024” (the Camp) would be held in Hong Kong in July. He invited Ms Cary LAI Ka-wai of the LCSD to brief Members on the arrangement of the Camp with the aid of PowerPoint.

20. Ms LAI remarked that the Camp would run from 22 to 26 July at the Education University of Hong Kong. The Chairman Prof Patrick YUNG Shu-hang and Ms TSANG Tsz-lui would continue to serve as the Head and Deputy Head of the delegation respectively.

21. Ms LAI pointed out that this year marked the 16th Camp, which featured sports exchange programmes covering badminton, tennis and volleyball, attracting 84 young athletes in total, with half from Hong Kong and the other half from Shanghai. The Department also expressed gratitude to the Education University of Hong Kong for its assistance in provision of accommodation and training venues. The LCSD would keep close contact with the Shanghai Youth Training Management Centre under the Shanghai Sports Bureau for follow-up arrangements.

22. Dr Carman LEUNG Ka-man remarked that an elderly light volleyball competition would be jointly hosted by Shenzhen, Hong Kong and Nanchang on 26 July at the Education University of Hong Kong. The young athletes were welcome to watch the competition alongside the Camp if time allowed.

23. The Chairman thanked Ms LAI for her briefing and views. He indicated that he was highly delighted to participate in the Camp held in Shanghai last year, which provided Hong Kong and Shanghai youths opportunities to intensively exchange ideas in culture and sports. Given that the Camp would be held in Hong Kong this year, he hoped the Department would closely follow up on the arrangements.

(ii) Dedicated Page on Community Care

24. The Chairman expressed that the LCSD had recently provided one-stop information on culture and leisure for the elderly and those in need. He invited Ms LO of the LCSD to brief Members on such an initiative with the aid of PowerPoint.

25. Ms LO indicated that for better services to different social groups, the LCSD launched a new dedicated page on “Community Care” (Page) under the Edutainment Channel in February this year to provide elderly, persons with disabilities and those in need with one-stop information on culture and leisure. In addition to offering educational yet entertaining videos, the Page served as a one-stop platform where they could easily browse the details of diverse services as well as cultural and leisure activities. Elderly and persons with disabilities could also access the “information for persons with disabilities (recreation and sports programme/facilities)” and “community recreation and sports programmes for elderly” through the Page, so that they could have a handy source of information on ancillary facilities at the LCSD venues and those activities suitable for participation.

26. Besides, Ms LO pointed out that, on recreation and sports services and programmes, new programmes/initiatives, including the “Briefing on Outdoor Fitness Training”, “The Evergreen” Award Scheme and the “Umbrella for Loan by Elderly Park Visitors” Scheme, had been introduced at designated parks across 18 districts since 24 February this year, encouraging the elderly to visit parks and exercise more frequently in furtherance of their physical and mental well-beings.

(iii) Olympics Focal Sites

27. The Chairman invited Ms Doris LO Sau-wah of the LCSD to give a briefing of the “Olympics Focal Sites” with the aid of PowerPoint.

28. Ms Doris LO Sau-wah briefed that to support the national team and Hong Kong athletes competing at the Paris 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games, the LCSD would set up the “Olympics Focal Sites” at the designated sports centres

under its management in 18 districts for live broadcast or replay of the Olympic events. Given the time difference, all “Olympics Focal Sites” would commence broadcasting the competitions at the Olympic and Paralympic Games on 27 July and 29 August (Hong Kong Time) respectively until the end of the Games.

29. Ms LO expressed that the LCSD would publicise and promote the activity through various channels to gain greater public attention and participation. The launching ceremony of the Olympics Focal Sites, scheduled from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm on July 26 at the Kowloon Park Sports Centre, featured sports performances, cycling and fencing demonstrations, play on sessions, as well as experience sharing sessions by athletes. Meanwhile, interactive games were also available for the participants to cheer on the national team and Hong Kong athletes.

30. On another front, the LCSD would, in collaboration with the InspiringHK Sports Foundation, organise free sports training courses covering basketball and table tennis at the sports centres set up with the “Olympics Focal Sites”, in the hope of encouraging members of the public to play sports, while offering a chance for them to watch the Olympic events together to experience the lively excitement of the Olympic Games.

(iv) Recreation and Sports Activities in Celebration of the 27th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR)

31. The Chairman invited Ms Doris LO Sau-wah of the LCSD to give a briefing of the recreation and sports activities to be held on 1 July in celebration of the 27th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR with the aid of PowerPoint.

32. Ms Doris LO Sau-wah indicated that fee-charging leisure facilities under the LCSD, including indoor and outdoor facilities, public swimming pools and craft at water sports centres, would be available for free public use in individual capacity on 1 July in celebration of the 27th anniversary of the establishment of the HKSAR, so that the public could explore various facilities and enjoy the fun of sports. On the same day, the LCSD would also host “The Parent-child Water Play Carnival in Celebration of the 27th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR”, themed about water play, in Tsing Yi Northeast Park, which allowed the public to participate in a range of parent-child activities free of charge.

(v) Recreation and Sports Activities in Celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the People’s Republic of China

33. The Chairman remarked that diverse recreation and sports events by the

LCSD in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China were in the pipeline. He again invited Ms Doris LO Sau-wah of the LCSD to give a briefing of such events.

34. Ms Doris LO Sau-wah expressed that to mark the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, diverse free celebratory events were in the pipeline, including "Harbour Run for Fun in Celebrating the National Day", "Enjoy the Fun" Carnival@National Day and "Let's Go Green in Celebration of the National Day", with a view to inviting participation from more people of different ages to have the joy of the National Day.

(vi) Pilot Scheme on Subvention for New Sports

35. The Chairman invited Ms Iris YAU Yuk-kuen of the LCSD to brief Members on the Pilot Scheme on Subvention for New Sports.

36. Ms YAU gave a briefing of the Pilot Scheme on Subvention for New Sports with the aid of PowerPoint.

37. The Chairman thanked Ms YAU for her briefing. Salient views of Members were consolidated as follows:

- (a) Mr Claudius LAM Chi-kin enquired about the definition of "new sports".
- (b) Dr LEUNG Pak-yin enquired whether a time limit on the subvention period would be placed, so far as subventions to new sports were concerned. He opined that, when scrutinising applications, the Department should encourage the applicants to hold either inclusive or indicative events, such as community promotion campaigns, international competitions and athlete selection competitions.
- (c) Mr LEE Hong-lai enquired about the certification of qualifications and regulatory frameworks regarding coaches of new sports activities, which facilitated schools to organise relevant extracurricular activities.
- (d) Mr CHAU Ngai-man enquired about the subvention period of the same new sport. He expressed that for development of a new sport, it might take a couple of years to tentatively decide on the content of the curriculum and training framework for coaches. Meanwhile, it required time to foster interests in participants. It was therefore hoped that the LCSD could provide policy support and resources to new sports.
- (e) Prof Cindy SIT Hui-ping remarked that, given the sporting demand from diverse age groups of people with varying abilities in an evolving society, it was possible that an increasing number of new sports would emerge in the future, for some of which international competitions would be held, and

mechanisms for athlete training and selection would be established. It was therefore crucial to put in place a detailed mechanism for scrutiny, so that the applicants would be well aware of the requirements of the LCSD. In addition, she also proposed that Key Performance Indicators should be adopted to evaluate renewal applications from those applicants receiving subventions.

38. Ms Iris YAU Yuk-kuen thanked Members for their questions and views. Her responses were consolidated as follows:

(a) Ms YAU remarked that new sports referred to activities that were neither mainstream nor traditional, or entirely new, in Hong Kong, distinct from those sports or disciplines currently governed solely by NSAs under the SF&OC. Sports organisations receiving subventions must meet the established basic requirements, under which the applicants must be those sports organisations that were recognised by and affiliated to the relevant International Federation/Asian Federation/Regional Federation, or recognised by the General Administration of Sport of China. So far as the programme arrangements and coach qualifications were concerned, the LCSD would make reference to the criteria adopted by the above recognised sports organisations. Besides, the LCSD would also ask applicants to provide additional information such as promotional plans, athlete training models and coach training programmes as part of the overall criteria for scrutiny.

(b) Over the past few years, around 10 subvented sports organisations had hosted regional and territory-wide competitions, including those for cheerleading, dodgeball, kabaddi, and sports stacking. Since the launch of the Pilot Scheme on Subvention for New Sports in 2021-22, about 10 sports organisations had, year after year, received subventions to develop the relevant sports. The LCSD would keep a close watch over the development of new sports in Hong Kong and review the issues such as the amount of subventions and eligibility of applicants in a timely manner, in a bid to meet the development needs of new sports.

39. The Chairman thanked Members for their invaluable inputs on the Pilot Scheme on Subvention for New Sports and Ms YAU for her response. He hoped that the LCSD would consider Members' views for refinement of the Pilot Scheme.

Adjournment of Meeting

40. The Chairman thanked Members for attending the meeting. The Secretariat would inform Members of the date of the next meeting in due course.

41. The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Note: No declarations of conflict of interests were received from Members during the meeting.

Community Sports Committee Secretariat
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