

COMMUNITY SPORTS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 31st Meeting of the Community Sports Committee

Date: 12 July 2013 (Friday)
Time: 10:30 am
Venue: Conference Room 401, 4/F, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters,
1-3 Pai Tau Street, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

Present: Mr TONG Wai-lun (Chairman)
Mr David YIP Wing-shing (Vice-chairman)
Mr Daniel CHAM Ka-hung
Mr Henry CHAN Chi-chiu
Ms Peggy LEE Pik-yee
Mr Philip LI Wing-kuen
Mr LIU Ah-chuen
Mr Raphael TONG Tai-wai
Prof Stephen WONG Heung-sang
Mrs Cecillia WONG LAM Siu-ling
Dr Simon YEUNG Sai-mo
Mr George YIP Chi-wai
Dr YUNG Shu-hang
Mr Kenneth FOK Kai-kong

Department Representatives in Regular Attendance

Miss Olivia CHAN Yeuk-oi	(Representative from Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Miss Petty LAI Chun-yee	(Representative from Home Affairs Bureau)
Dr Anne FUNG Yu-kei	(Representative from Department of Health)
Mr HO Chun-ip	(Representative from Education Bureau)
Ms Miriam POON Wai-ming	(Representative from Social Welfare Department)
Mr Dennis NGAN Yu-pang	(Representative from Home Affairs Department)

Absent with Apologies

Mr CHENG Shu-ming
Ms TUNG Kin-lei

Mrs Stella LAU KUN Lai-kuen
Mr CHU King-yuen
Ms LEE Ching-nga

In Attendance

Mr Edmund LEE	(Representative from Home Affairs Bureau)
Mr Michael KAN Wai-fu	(Representative from Education Bureau)
Ms Rebecca LOU Wai-yi	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Mrs MAK CHAN Yin-hing	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Ms Alice HEUNG Ching-yee	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)

Secretary

Mr Simon LIU Wai-shing	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
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Opening Remarks

1.1 The Chairman welcomed all Members and representatives of various government departments to the meeting. He also welcomed Mr Kenneth FOK of the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China; Dr Anne FUNG, Assistant Director (Health Promotion) of the Department of Health (DH); Mr Edmund LEE of the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB); Mr Michael KAN of the Education Bureau (EDB); and Ms Miriam POON of the Social Welfare Department, who attended the meeting for the first time. Besides, he was grateful to Dr Regina CHING, former Assistant Director of the DH who had taken up a new post, for her contribution to the Community Sports Committee (CSC).

1.2 The Chairman, on behalf of the CSC, congratulated Mrs Cecilia WONG and Mr LIU Ah-chuen on being awarded the Medal of Honour and Ms Peggy LEE the Chief Executive's Commendation for Community Service on 1 July 2013. Besides, he also congratulated Miss Olivia CHAN, Assistant Director of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), on her appointment as Justice of the Peace.

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

2.1 The draft minutes of the 30th meeting had been emailed to Members for

comment on 13 June by the Secretariat. Since no proposals for amendments had been received and no further amendment was proposed at the meeting, the Chairman announced that the minutes of the 30th meeting were endorsed.

Item 2: Matters Arising

(i) Report on the Sport For All Day 2013

3.1 Mr Simon LIU reported that Sport For All Day 2013, being one of the highlights under the “Vibrant Hong Kong” theme of the “Hong Kong: Our Home” campaign, would focus on “Lifestyles in Sport” and “Parent-child and Family Sports” with the slogan “Stay active. Exercise every day with your family”. A promotional video produced by the LCSD was played at the meeting for Members’ preview. The event would be held on 4 August, on which the LCSD would present a series of recreation and sports programmes for free enrolment and open a number of its leisure facilities to the public free of charge.

3.2 Mrs Cecilia WONG opined that the promotional video for the Sport For All Day could encourage family members to exercise together. She asked whether the LCSD would open more venues for the public to work out with their families and pet dogs.

3.3 Miss Olivia CHAN of the LCSD said the department kept an open mind on the provision of pet gardens. As there were both positive and negative views from local residents towards this issue, it was necessary to reach a consensus in the community before proceeding with the plan to provide pet gardens or designate dog-friendly areas in parks.

3.4 Mr Henry CHAN agreed that the provision of pet gardens had to be endorsed by the District Council (DC).

3.5 Miss Olivia CHAN of the LCSD added that “Fitness Walking”, a mobile application (app) developed in response to a Member’s suggestion at the November 2012 meeting to provide information from the “Fitness Walking” booklet, would also be made available for free public download and use at the launching ceremony of the Sports For All Day 2013 on 4 August. The new app, which would allow members of the public to measure their calorie consumption, walking distance, step count, etc., was devised to motivate them to engage actively in fitness walking.

3.6 Mr Henry CHAN commended the LCSD for making available the “Fitness Walking” mobile app within a short period of time. He suggested the Secretariat

send the website link and the related promotional materials to Members for reference. (Post-meeting note: The relevant materials were emailed by the Secretariat to Members of the Sports Commission and its Committees in late August.)

3.7 The Chairman hoped that Members would reserve time to attend the launching ceremony of the Sport For All Day at Hang Hau Sports Centre on 4 August.

(ii) Progress Report on the Alignment of Fees and Charges for Recreation and Sports Facilities and Services under the Management of the LCSD

4.1 Ms Alice HEUNG reported that, in March and April, the LCSD had consulted and obtained the support of Members, the chairmen and vice-chairmen of the DCs and the Panel on Home Affairs of the Legislative Council (LegCo) on the proposed alignment of fees and charges for recreation and sports facilities. The HAB had then gazetted some 130 fee items which required amendments to the relevant subsidiary legislation and tabled them at the LegCo in May. While the standardised fees and charges for recreation and sports facilities would take effect from 1 August 2013, the eight licence fees for public bowling-alleys, public skating rinks and billiard establishments would be aligned with effect from 19 July. Meanwhile, with effect from 1 August, some 400 items of non-statutory fees and charges for leisure facilities would also be standardised alongside those which required legislative amendments. The fee items and arrangements for the remaining 280 or so community recreation and sports programmes would also be adjusted and apply to programmes to be held on or after 1 October 2013. The LCSD had written to all DC members through the secretariats of various DCs at the end of May, informing them of the fee alignment arrangements.

4.2 Ms Alice HEUNG went on to report that the LCSD would conduct a comprehensive review of the fee structures and levels for various recreation and sports facilities and services, including 150 or so more complicated fee items which had not been aligned in the first phase (such as those for commercial, non-designated and non-sporting uses of facilities). The LCSD would consult relevant stakeholders upon completion of the review and report to the CSC in due course.

4.3 The Chairman commented that enabling members of the public to hire recreation and sports facilities and services at lower cost in future would encourage more of them to participate in sports activities regularly.

(iii) Progress Report on the Installation of Automated External Defibrillators at Recreation and Sports Facilities

5.1 Ms Alice HEUNG reported that the installation of automated external

defibrillators (AEDs) at 254 land-based leisure venues with active facilities or high usage and 56 cultural venues by the LCSD would be completed in mid-July. The AEDs to be provided for land-based leisure venues would be fully automated and installed at easily accessible and noticeable locations so that individuals trained in AED operation (including LCSD staff and the public) could offer prompt assistance to persons in need within the “Golden Five Minutes”. As of the date of the meeting, more than 2 100 LCSD staff members had taken the training course. The LCSD would offer operational or refresher training from time to time and encourage staff of all ranks to enrol. It would continue with its review on the provision of AEDs at land-based leisure venues and consider extending the initiative to more venues.

5.2 Dr Simon YEUNG enquired whether the 33 fitness walking tracks were among the venues which had been provided with AEDs.

5.3 Mr Philip LI would like to know how the LCSD would handle the security and operational issues concerning AEDs. He suggested the LCSD make a video of the AED training course and upload it onto a designated website for NSAs to access and download. He believed that would be of assistance to the NSAs.

5.4 Mr George YIP enquired whether the LCSD would offer AED operational training to the staff of NSAs so as to lighten the workload of venue staff when events were held by NSAs at LCSD venues.

5.5 Mr Daniel CHAM suggested that the LCSD display the words “for public use” or “for the use of trained persons” at a proper place adjacent to AEDs to avoid misuse by the public.

5.6 Dr Patrick YUNG said that the LCSD or the AED supplier might consider organising refresher courses on a regular basis to keep users up-to-date with the proper use of AEDs. He also pointed to the need for caution in using the devices to prevent accidents. He said that AEDs had to be used in conjunction with first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Use of AEDs by untrained persons might cause danger.

5.7 Mr HO Chun-ip of the EDB said that a three-year project co-organised by the EDB and the Hong Kong College of Cardiology would be rolled out this year. Under the project, there would be briefing sessions for teachers, AED operational training for ten teachers or other staff members from each participating school and installation of an AED at each of the schools. Noting that there were various Chinese names for AED, the EDB opted for “自動心臟復甦機”, the name adopted by the Hong Kong College of Cardiology. According to the College, since the AEDs to be

used for the project were fully automated with verbal instructions in Cantonese, English and Putonghua, even untrained persons would be able to use them correctly to administer emergency treatment. Mr Ho agreed that the devices should be used with caution before they became widely utilised.

5.8 Miss Petty LAI of the HAB noted the differences in environment between schools and LCS D venues. While the former could easily be controlled, the latter were often in a more complex public setting. Therefore she preferred the mode of implementation currently adopted by the LCS D (i.e. limiting the use of AEDs to trained LCS D staff and members of the public) and opined that a review should be conducted when the use of AEDs became more common.

5.9 Miss Olivia CHAN of the LCS D added that currently no training courses, including training in the operation of AED, were offered by the LCS D directly to NSA staff. However, separate funds were available for staff training under the Sports Subvention Scheme. If an NSA found it necessary to provide its staff with training in the use of the AED, it could request funding for this purpose in its annual application for sports subvention.

5.10 Ms Alice HEUNG of the LCS D thanked Members for their views. Her responses are summarised as follows:

- (a) Sports grounds and major parks with jogging facilities under the LCS D had been provided with AEDs. The LCS D would consider and review the need for AEDs to be installed at other venues in the following phase, having regard to actual operational needs.
- (b) The purpose for the LCS D to install AEDs at easily accessible and noticeable outdoor locations was to encourage trained persons to use the devices for rescue purposes within the “Golden Five Minutes”. As for security, AEDs would be kept in first aid boxes with an alarm device. When the box was opened, the alarm would be triggered so that people at the venue were alerted and the venue staff might carry out immediate inspection. According to records, there had been three cases in which AEDs were used and the users included LCS D staff, trained members of the public, as well as first aiders at the event venue. The LCS D had laid down departmental guidelines, requiring its staff to note and check during daily inspections whether the AEDs functioned properly and its contractor to adjust used devices and carry out annual maintenance as scheduled. As the registration number was required for replacement of defibrillation pads, the possibility of

AED theft was believed to be low. So far the LCSD had not recorded any case of AED theft. The department would review the situation from time to time and monitor the effectiveness and use of the AEDs.

- (c) The AEDs for swimming pool complexes and beaches were installed in the first aid room to be used by lifeguards for life-saving. As for land-based leisure venues, notices had been put up adjacent to the AEDs to remind the public that users had to have received training. It was believed members of the public should realise that under normal circumstances the best thing to do in an emergency was to call 999.
- (d) The LCSD offered refresher training in AED operation for venue management staff through its existing staff training programme. Trainers and staff might also refresh their memories on the use of AEDs with the video compact disc produced by the contractor. The LCSD would continue to organise training and refresher courses to familiarise its staff with the operation of the devices.
- (e) The operation of AEDs varied with the model and type of AED used. NSAs were thus recommended to commission training courses tailored to meet their needs from medical institutions under the Hospital Authority or the Fire Services Department using subvention funds.

5.11 The Chairman thanked the LCSD for installing AEDs at most of its leisure and cultural venues to provide greater protection for the public.

Item 3: Report of the 4th Hong Kong Games Organising Committee (CSC Paper 5/13)

6.1 Ms Rebecca LOU presented CSC Paper 5/13 by PowerPoint. Members' views on the paper are summarised as follows:

- (a) Mr Daniel CHAM complimented the LCSD on its satisfactory arrangements for the 4th Hong Kong Games (HKG). He remarked that the publicity and competitions had been well organised and that the number of participants had increased significantly. He agreed with the recommendations of the report, but was in favour of keeping the restriction that required athletes to represent their districts of

residence. He had reservations about relaxing the restriction to allow athletes to represent the districts where they were receiving education.

- (b) Mrs Cecilia WONG suggested taking reference from the emphasis of the Sport For All Day 2013 on family participation (the slogan of the event was “Stay active. Exercise every day with your family”) to boost the atmosphere of the HKG. She proposed organising events such as long-distance runs in which whole families could participate together with their pets.
- (c) Mr LIU Ah-chuen urged careful consideration of the proposal to relax the restriction on the district that an athlete could represent in the HKG. He was concerned that allowing athletes to represent the districts where they were receiving education would result in a concentration of secondary students representing certain districts and university students representing a handful of districts. Since tertiary institutions were not evenly distributed across districts, he feared that the proposed relaxation would lead to unfairness.
- (d) Dr Simon YEUNG suggested including long-distance runs in the HKG and extending the age range of athletes. In addition, he recommended the inclusion of less competitive, indoor events such as tai chi so that elderly people could also participate in the Games.
- (e) Mr Raphael TONG enquired whether the six athletes in women’s basketball aged between 10 and 14, as shown in Annex 2 to the report, had met the minimum age requirement of 14.
- (f) Mr Philip LI said that the HKG had always been positioned as an event for promoting Sport for All, with participation limited to non-elite athletes. He was worried that opening up the Games to professional athletes might entice districts to compete solely for prizes, distort the objectives of the Games, and discourage weaker sporting districts from promoting sport. He advised that care be taken in the positioning of the HKG to avoid conflicts that would undermine its positive impact.

6.2 Ms Rebecca LOU of the LCSD thanked Members for their valuable views. Her responses are summarised as follows:

- (a) The age of athletes shown in the report had been verified by the

organiser before the competition to ensure their eligibility.

- (b) Members' views and suggestions would be consolidated for the reference of the 5th HKG Organising Committee (OC) to enhance the Games.

6.3 The Chairman thanked Members for their valuable views. He said that the 4th HKG had achieved tremendous success and broken previous records in terms of organisation, scale, public participation and support. The staging of the HKG had proved effective in promoting districts' sports development and fostering social cohesion. The precious experience gained in the 4th HKG would be consolidated to serve as reference for the 5th HKGOC.

Item 4: Pilot Scheme for Student Athlete Support (CSC Paper 6/13)

7.1 Miss Petty LAI presented CSC Paper 6/13. Members' views on the paper are summarised as follows:

- (a) Mrs Cecilia WONG suggested extending the Pilot Scheme for Student Athlete Support (the Pilot Scheme) to non-mainstream special schools in the future.
- (b) Mr LIU Ah-chuen said that under the Pilot Scheme, announced in early 2013, the maximum amount of funding for which a school could apply was set at \$10,000 across the board. Believing that the amount would be insufficient for some schools, he proposed that the funding remit be adjusted or the amount be raised the following year according to the type and size of school.
- (c) Mr Daniel CHAM considered it an appropriate arrangement for member schools of the Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation to apply for the Pilot Scheme. He thought that the funding ceiling of \$10,000 for each school was tentative and hoped that it could be increased in the future. In relation to the funding for school teams' coaching fees, he opined that it might benefit some students who were not in need, advising that the funding be given directly to needy students. Besides, he hoped that administrative procedures (such as the reimbursement of travelling expenses on an accountable basis) could be streamlined.

- (d) Mr Raphael TONG deemed it necessary to define clearly who the target beneficiaries were and what expenditure items were eligible for funding support, for fear that there might be schools using the funding available under the Pilot Scheme to attract enrolments. He cited for other Members' reference the Sports Development Act of Malaysia, under which the purchase of sports equipment was tax deductible.
- (e) Dr Anne FUNG of the DH recommended that schools joining the Pilot Scheme measure the height and weight of student beneficiaries so as to evaluate the effectiveness of the Scheme.

7.2 Miss Petty LAI of the HAB thanked Members for their valuable views. Her responses are summarised as follows:

- (a) It was understood that the annual funding ceiling of \$10,000 might not be sufficient to meet the needs of each school, but the intended applicants for the Pilot Scheme had to include some 1 200 eligible schools across the territory. The HAB hoped to introduce the Pilot Scheme in the 2013-14 school year for the early benefit of needy students; it would consider refining the Scheme (including the amount of funding) in future reviews.
- (b) With regard to a Member's suggestion of adjusting the funding remit, views might vary amongst schools because of their different needs and characteristics. After the launch of the Pilot Scheme, the HAB would collect feedback from schools on its actual operation to identify ways for improvement.
- (c) Travelling expenses would be reimbursed on an accountable basis. Schools only needed to keep relevant records (such as receipts for coach rental) for sample checking in future, whereas students did not need to provide receipts for use of public transport such as buses and the MTR. However, it was noted that the funding support did not cover taxi fares.
- (d) It was believed that any future increase in the amount of funding would require more information to be submitted or sample checked. Currently it was hoped that the Pilot Scheme would be implemented at low administrative cost as soon as possible to ensure the proper use of public money.

- (e) As regards the funding for school teams' coaching fees, it was understood from some schools that students would be required to pay part of the fees before being allowed to join the training of school teams. The HAB therefore considered that the funding for coaching fees could benefit students in need.
- (f) The *modus operandi* of the Pilot Scheme took reference from that of the Community Care Fund – School-based Fund for Cross Boundary Learning Activities, an assistance programme that had been in place for two years. Apart from reviewing and refining the Scheme after its launch, the HAB would report progress to Members in the hope of receiving comments for improvement.

7.3 The Chairman said that the Pilot Scheme was an initiative introduced in 2013 to provide financial support for students from low-income families to help them pursue their sporting goals. The Scheme would be reviewed after being launched. It was believed there would be room for enhancement.

Item 5: Any Other Business

(i) Hong Kong and Shanghai Summer Sports Camp for Youth 2013

8.1 Mrs Joan MAK reported that the Hong Kong and Shanghai Summer Sports Camp for Youth was one of the initiatives under the Sports Exchange and Co-operation Programme Agreement signed between the Home Affairs Bureau of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the Shanghai Administration of Sports in 2004. The programme aimed at promoting sports exchange between the youth of the two cities through summer camp activities. The 2013 Camp, the eighth of its kind, would be held from 22 to 26 July at the Tso Kung Tam Outdoor Recreation Centre in Hong Kong. To be attended by 42 and 45 young athletes (aged between 12 and 15) from Hong Kong and Shanghai respectively, the Camp would feature sports exchange activities in tennis, handball and basketball. During the five days and four nights, there would be joint training and friendly matches in the sports concerned, campsite activities, as well as visits to sports facilities, the Hong Kong Space Museum, Ocean Park, etc.

8.2 The Chairman said that the Hong Kong Delegation to the 2012 Camp in Shanghai had been led by Mr David YIP, Vice-chairman of the CSC, and Mrs Stella LAU, a Member of the CSC, in their respective capacities as Head and Deputy Head of the Delegation. In line with previous arrangements, the Head and Deputy Head of the Hong Kong Delegation to the 2012 Camp in Shanghai would become Leader and

Deputy Leader of the 2013 Camp. Accordingly, Mr David YIP would be Leader of the 2013 Camp. However, Mrs Stella LAU, Deputy Head of the Hong Kong Delegation to the 2012 Camp, would be unable to attend the 2013 Camp because of other commitments. It was therefore decided that Mr CHU King-yuen, another Member of the CSC, would serve as Deputy Leader of the 2013 Camp to receive the Shanghai Delegation on behalf of the Hong Kong side. The Chairman thanked Mr David YIP and Mr CHU King-yuen for accepting the invitation. He hoped that the Camp could help broaden the horizons of young people in Shanghai and Hong Kong and deepen mutual understanding.

Adjournment of Meeting

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

9.2 The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

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