

Community Sports Committee
Preparatory Work for the 6th Hong Kong Games

Objectives

This paper reports on the preparatory work for the 6th Hong Kong Games (HKG).

Background

2. To promote local sports development on all fronts, the Sports Commission (SC) and its Community Sports Committee (CSC), in collaboration with the 18 District Councils (DCs), the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC), and the National Sports Associations (NSAs) of the relevant sports, have organised the HKG biennially since 2007. It is a territory-wide major multi-sport event in Hong Kong with the 18 DCs as the participating units. Its objectives are to provide districts with more opportunities for sports participation, exchanges and co-operation, encourage active public participation in sports, and improve sporting standards at the district level, thus helping to strengthen the public's sense of belonging to the district they live in, foster the communication and friendship between the 18 districts, and promote community cohesion.

3. The 5th HKG was held from 25 April to 31 May 2015 with a total of 3 205 athletes from the 18 districts participating in the competition events of eight sports, namely athletics, swimming, badminton, table tennis, tennis, basketball, futsal and volleyball. The total number of spectators at competitions and participants of various publicity and public participation activities exceeded 430 000. A summary of the activities concerned was made to the CSC at its 37th meeting on 4 September last year. The Committee's views consolidated by the LCSD will be submitted to the 6th Hong Kong Games Organising Committee (OC) to be formed shortly for consideration.

The 6th Hong Kong Games Organising Committee

4. The 6th HKG will be held in 2017. An OC will be formed shortly to oversee and coordinate the work involved in staging the 6th HKG. Its members will include representatives from the CSC, the 18 DCs, the SF&OC, the relevant NSAs, the Home Affairs Bureau and the LCSD. The first meeting of the OC is planned to be held in April 2016 to decide on the sports events, competition rules and regulations, eligibility requirements, athletes selection mechanism and so forth in the first half of 2016, so that the 18 DCs can conduct open selection of eligible athletes in their districts and arrange pre-event training as early as possible to get prepared for this HKG. Apart from developing comprehensive publicity strategies and a sponsorship programme to gain public support and participation, the OC will also report to the CSC on the progress of the preparatory work on a regular basis.

Presentation

5. Members are invited to note the preparatory work for the 6th HKG.

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