

COMMUNITY SPORTS COMMITTEE

A Consultancy Study on the Development of Disabled Sports

Purpose

This paper briefs this Committee on the progress of the consultancy study on the development of disabled sports.

Background

2. The Chief Executive announced in his 2015 Policy Address that the Government would commission a consultancy study on how to support disabled athletes and promote sports participation by people with disabilities in a more comprehensive manner. The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) will engage a consultant to conduct the study in order to have a deeper understanding of the current development of disabled sports in Hong Kong and put forward proposals on ways to promote “sports for all” among people with disabilities and approaches to provide assistance to disabled athletes. The consultancy study will commence in 2015.

Scope of the study

3. With the assistance of the consultant, the study will cover, inter alia, the following:

- the extent of sports participation by people with different degrees of disability, including the physically handicapped and the mentally handicapped;
- the existing sports facilities or activities that are suitable for use or participation by people with disabilities, and the respective utilisation and participation patterns;
- the existing support provided by sports or other organisations for people with disabilities, including elite athletes with disabilities, to take part in sports activities;
- the extent of provision of opportunities in terms of training hours and ancillary conditions etc. for people with disabilities to take part in sports activities in similar cities or countries; and
- the current pattern of people with disabilities participating in international and regional sports events.

Related proposals

4. The consultant will consolidate the findings of the study and put up related

proposals which include:

- how to further promote sports participation among people with disabilities;
- how to strengthen the support, such as the feasibility of introducing full-time training, for elite athletes with disabilities; and
- how to enhance the organisational structure of relevant organisations and their collaboration, with a view to improving the development of disabled sports.

Follow-up action

5. The HAB is currently conducting the relevant tendering exercise, during which we will consult the stakeholders and report to this Committee regularly on the progress.

6. Members are invited to note the briefing mentioned above.

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