Community Sports Committee Report of the 8th Hong Kong Games Organising Committee

This paper aims to report to Members on the progress of work of the 8th Hong Kong Games (HKG) Organising Committee (OC).

Background

- 2. The 8th HKGOC was formed in May 2020 and the formation of a Standing Committee (SC) under OC was endorsed at the first meeting held on 20 May 2020 to assist in the coordination and organisation of various specific work items. Subsequently, meetings for the 8th HKG were held by SC in May and September 2020 respectively for drawing up the details of the overall programmes, including positioning and objectives, competition events, dates and venues of HKG, sports competitions for people with disabilities, demonstration events, competition rules and regulations, district athlete selection, pre-event training of district delegations and recruitment arrangements of coaches, sportswear for competition, members of district delegations, designated service providers, the HKG Mascot, publicity and community participation programmes, sponsorship programmes and invitation list of sponsor, etc.
- 3. To follow closely the trend of the pandemic and in line with the related measures, the district athlete selection has been postponed from 2020 to October 2021 to January 2022 while the inter-district competitions will be launched in March 2022. A meeting was held by SC in August 2021 to draw up and update the programmes, taking into account the latest position of the 8th HKG. Progress of the various work is shown below.

Progress of Work

I. <u>Updated Membership List of HKGOC and HKGSC</u>

4. 14 members of HKGOC (including 4 members of HKGSC) left their posts of District Council Members between April and October 2021. As a result, their duties as members of OC and SC ceased accordingly. To continue overseeing and coordinating the various work of the 8th HKG, the Secretariat has followed up with the District Councils concerned the nomination of alternate members of OC. The updated OC and SC membership lists are at **Annex I**. The Secretariat will continue following up on the nomination for the remaining 7 District Councils and update the membership list in due course.

II. <u>Establishment of Independent Appeal Boards</u>

5. The mechanism adopted for handling competition complaints in the last HKG will continue to be adopted for the 8th HKG. Representatives from the national sports associations (NSAs) concerned will be appointed as Duty Organiser to handle competition complaints instantly. If the complainant does not accept the decision of the Duty Organiser, the Secretariat will establish different independent appeal boards for individual competition events to further handle the dispute. An appeal board comprises a Chairman (a HKGOC member of the year will serve as the Chairman according to the priority determined by the ballot) and 4 Members (i.e. 3 representatives of the NSAs concerned and a representative of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)).

III. <u>District Athlete Selection</u>

- 6. As LCSD temporarily closed some of the recreation and sports facilities and suspended some recreation and sports programmes (including competitions) in line with the disease prevention and control measures, the district athlete selection (district selection) originally scheduled from April to September 2021 could not be held as scheduled. LCSD subsequently resumed the individual sports events and outdoor team competitions since October 2021. The district athlete selection for individual sports events (i.e. badminton, table tennis and tennis) and futsal for the 8th HKG have also been held in the 18 districts at the same time since October 2021.
- 7. In accordance with the existing Prevention and Control of Disease (Requirements and Directions) (Business and Premises) Regulation, Cap 599F, when team sports of more than four persons are organised within certain part of indoor sports premises, all staff members and users involved are not required to wear masks if they have completed the COVID-19 vaccination course. As far as the Regulation is concerned, LCSD, having consulted NSAs concerned and government departments, has confirmed the requirement for all staff members involved (including the referees of NSAs) and applicants to receive the COVID-19 vaccination, so that the participating teams are not required to wear masks during ball team competitions in indoor sports premises starting from November 2021. Hence, the district athlete selection competitions of basketball and volleyball will commence at the same time in November.

IV. Competition Events

8. The inter-district competitions among the 18 districts will be held from 24 April (Sunday) to 22 May 2022 (Sunday). Certain competitions will begin in March 2022. The competitions will be arranged to be held at the venues in different districts and along the MTR lines as far as practicable on weekday evenings, Saturdays, Sundays or public holidays. New venues will also be used and arrangement will be made to avoid scheduling the HKG competitions and major competitions organised by

NSAs on the same day as far as practicable. The finals of the sports competitions will be held during the "HKG Finals Fortnight" to create an ambience themed on HKG and make the competitions more exciting.

V. Community Participation Programmes

9. Apart from sports competitions and related activities, the 8th HKG will continue organising community participation programmes and launching new activities/arrangements from 2020 to 2022 to attract more participation of members of the public.

(a) Ongoing Programmes/Arrangements

Following the successful completion of the "Launching Events" and the "HKG Mascot Voting" in June and July 2020 respectively, the "Star-studded Classroom – Elite Athletes' Demonstration and Exchange Programmes", the "Sports Seminar" and the "Sports Legacy – Exercise to Get Super Fit" were organised between 22 September 2021 and 16 October 2021, attracting more than 300 participants. In addition, the ongoing community participation programmes include the "HKG 8-minute School Vitality Run", the "18 Districts' Pledging cum Cheering Team Competition", the voting and guessing activities, the "Dynamic Moments Photo Contest", the "Vitality Run", the "Opening Ceremony" and the "Closing cum Prize Presentation Ceremony".

(b) New Initiatives/ Arrangements

- i) The new Webinars of HKG "The New Normal of Sports and Wellness Series" were organised through live web broadcasts at the HKG dedicated website and social media platforms on 28 February, 28 March and 29 April 2021 respectively. The Secretariat invited university lecturers, psychiatrists and healthcare practitioners to share their experiences and answer the sport-related questions raised by members of the public. Members of the public may also revisit the webinars at the HKG dedicated website, which have attracted more than 17 800 viewers.
- ii) The new "HKG Fitness Exercise" (Fitness Exercise), including "Exercises for Parents and Children", "Exercises for All" and "Exercises to Stay in Shape", has been gradually uploaded to the HKG dedicated website and social media platforms on 28 April 2021 to promote "Sport for All" and enable members of the public to do simple workouts at home while listening to the HKG theme song, attracting more than 4 300 viewers so far.

- iii) Due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, apart from organising the "8-minute School Vitality Run" during athletic meet, schools can also include on-campus activities or activities to be organised during physical education lessons. To encourage school participation, a new "School with Greatest Participation in the HKG Award" will be included in the 8th HKG and awarded to the top 3 schools with the highest number of activities organised among the secondary and primary schools across the 18 districts.
- iv) To minimise the number of people gathering as far as possible, the number of places for the "Vitality Run" will be reduced from the original number of 5 500 (1 200 for 10-km Run and 4 300 for About 3-km Run) to 1 600 (600 for 10-km Run and 1 000 for About 3-km Run) in light of the latest development of the pandemic, while the obstacle race for parents and children will be suspended. Meanwhile, if restriction on access to the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) is implemented due to the disease control measures, the running route will be shortened from 10 km to about 8.5 km without passing by HKSI. If "Vitality Run" cannot be organised on site in February and March 2022, the Organiser, NSAs and contractors will actively consider the feasibility of organising a virtual race.
- v) The new "3-on-3 Basketball" and "Women's Futsal" will be included as demonstration events. The Hong Kong Basketball Association and the Hong Kong Football Association are required to adopt the existing sports competition format of HKG in organising the open selection for athletes, pre-competition training and inter-district competitions.
- vi) Apart from continuing to organise the "Wheelchair Basketball Competition" and "Swimming Competition for People with Intellectual Disabilities", "Boccia Competition" co-organised with the Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled and "Table Tennis Competition for People with Intellectual Disabilities" organised by Hong Kong Sports Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability will be included in the 8th HKG in an effort to provide the disabled with more opportunities to participate in sports competitions.

VI. Publicity Campaign

10. The Organiser will continue publicising and promoting HKG through various channels and platforms, including printed materials, promotional videos, online and

social media, public relations campaigns and advertisements, as well as collaboration with relevant partner organisations to call on members of the public to actively participate in the district open selection of athletes and community participation programmes in an effort to extensively publicise the event. The nine co-organising NSAs have already nominated elite athletes as ambassadors of the 8th HKG to assist in promoting the relevant sports competitions. Please refer to **Annex II** for the list of sports ambassadors.

VII. Sponsorship

11. Sponsorship invitation letters were sent to over 800 organisations across the territory in January 2021 in accordance with the sponsorship programme endorsed by OC. So far, sponsorship totalling about \$9 million in cash and in kind/service has been received.

Presentation

12. OC and SC will continue discussing the preparatory work for the 8th HKG and finalise the implementation details. Progress will be reported to the Community Sports Committee in due course. Members are invited to note the progress of the work of the 8th HKGOC.

Secretariat of the 8th Hong Kong Games Organising Committee October 2021

Updated Membership List of Organising Committee and Standing Committee of the 8th Hong Kong Games (as at 21.10.2021)

Members of Organising Committee (in no particular order)

District Council	Resigned District Council Member	Updated list of members nominated by District Council
Representative of the Central and Western District Council	Mr Fergus LEUNG Fong-wai	Mr Jeremy YOUNG Chit-on
Representative of the Eastern District Council	Mr LEE Yue-shun	Mr Kenny YUEN Kin-chung
Representative of the Wan Chai District Council	Ms CHAN Yuk-lam	tbc
Representative of the Kowloon City District Council	Mr WONG Wing-kit	Mr HO Hin-ming
Representative of the Kwun Tong District Council	Mr William LI Wai-lam	tbc
Representative of the Yau Tsim Mong District Council	Mr Isaac HO Cheuk-hin	tbc
Representative of the Wong Tai Sin District Council	Ms Carmen LAU Ka-man	tbc

District Council	Resigned District Council Member	Updated list of members nominated by District Council
Representative of the Kwai Tsing District Council	Mr TONG Ho-man	tbc
Representative of the North District Council	Mr CHAN Wai-tat	Mr Warwick WAN Wo-tat
Representative of the Sai Kung District Council	Mr LAI Ming-chak	Ms Christine FONG Kwok-shan
Representative of the Sha Tin District Council	Ms WONG Man-huen	tbc
Representative of the Tai Po District Council	Mr Dalu LIN Kok-cheung	Mr Patrick MO Ka-chun
Representative of the Tsuen Wan District Council	Mr LAI Man-fai	Mr LAU Cheuk-yu
Representative of the Yuen Long District Council	Mr FONG Ho-hin	tbc

<u>Members of Standing Committee</u> (in no particular order)

District Council	Resigned District Council Member	Updated list of members nominated by District Council
Representative of the Eastern District Council	Mr LEE Yue-shun	Mr Kenny YUEN Kin-chung

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Representative of the Kwun Tong District Council	Mr William LI Wai-lam	tbc
Representative of the North District Council	Mr CHAN Wai-tat	Mr Warwick WAN Wo-tat
Representative of the Yuen Long District Council	Mr FONG Ho-hin	tbc

List of Sports Ambassadors for the 8th Hong Kong Games (Nominated by Respective National Sports Associations)

Sport	Name of Athlete	Particulars of Athlete
1. Athletics	Miss Vera LUI Lai-Yiu	Member of Hong Kong Athletics Team
		 Pecent Achievements: 9th place in 100 m hurdles at the 14th National Games of the People's Republic of China Bronze medal in 100 m hurdles at the Jakarta Palembang 2018 Asian Games Gold medal in 60 m hurdles at the 2017 Asian Indoor & Martial Arts Games
2. Badminton	Miss YEUNG Pui-lam	 Member of Hong Kong Junior Badminton Team Recent Achievements: 2nd Runner-up in Women's Doubles (Senior Division) at the Hong Kong Annual Badminton Championships 2020 Champion in Mixed Doubles(U19) at the Korea Junior Open International Challenge 2019 2nd Runner-up in Mixed Doubles at the 2nd National Youth Games in 2019 Champions in Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles(U19) at the Korea Junior Open International Challenge 2018

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3.	Basketball	Mr TSAI Choi-kwan	Member of Hong Kong Basketball Team Player of Tycoon Basketball Team in Hong Kong A1 Division Championship MVP for Hong Kong A1 Division Championship Competition participated recently: Jakarta Palembang 2018 Asian Games
4.	Futsal	Mr LI Ka-chun	 Member of Hong Kong Futsal Team Competitions participated recently: 2019 Asian Football Confederation Futsal Championship Qualifier 2017 Asian Indoor & Martial Arts Games (Group Stage) 2015 Asian Football Confederation Futsal Championship Qualifier – East Zone
5.	Swimming	Miss Claudia LAU Yin-yan	Former Member of Hong Kong Swimming Team Hong Kong Record Holder of Women's 200 m Backstroke 25th in World Rankings and 2nd in Asia Rankings in 2016 Competitions participated and Achievements: • 2016 Rio Olympic Games • Bronze medal in Relay Event at the Incheon 2014 Asian Games • Bronze medal in Relay Event at the Guangzhou 2010 Asian Games

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6. Table Tennis	Miss SOO Wai-yam	Member of Hong Kong Table Tennis Team
		 Recent Achievements: Bronze medal in Women's Team Table Tennis Event at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games Champion in Women's Doubles and 1st Runner-up in Women's Singles at the 2019 Serbia Open Bronze medal in Women's Team Event at the Jakarta Palembang 2018 Asian Games Bronze medal in Women's Team Event at the 2018 World Team Table Tennis Championships Champion in Women's Doubles at the 2018 Slovenia Open Bronze medal in Women's Team Event at the 2018 Table Tennis Team World Cup
7. Tennis	Mr Brian YEUNG Pak-long	 Member of Hong Kong Tennis Team Current ATP Men's Singles Ranking: 1020th Current ATP Men's Doubles Ranking: 870th Recent Achievements: Champion in Men's Singles at the CRC Open 2020 Reached Round of 16 in Mixed Doubles and Men's Doubles at the Jakarta Palembang 2018 Asian Games Champion in Doubles at the 2018 ITF Men's Circuit (Taipei F1) Champion in Doubles at the 2018 ITF Men's Circuit (Hong Kong F1) Champion in Doubles at the 2018 ITF Men's Circuit (Vietnam F1)

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8.	Volleyball	Miss CHIM Wing-lam	Member of Hong Kong Senior Women's Volleyball Team Competitions participated recently: • 2017 and 2019 Asian Volleyball Championship • 2017 and 2019 Asian Women's U23 Volleyball Championship • 2018 Asian Games • 2016 and 2018 Eastern Asian Volleyball Championship
9.	Sports Competitions for Persons with Intellectual Disability	Mr CHONG Kung-yuen	 Member of HKSAPID Athletics Team Recent Achievements: Silver medal in Men's 400 m (T20) at the 10th National Games for Persons with Disabilities in 2019 Bronze medal in Men's 400 m (III) at the INAS World Indoor Athletics Championships in 2018