

COMMUNITY SPORTS COMMITTEE

Formation of the 3rd Hong Kong Games Organising Committee

Introduction

This paper seeks to report on the progress of the formation of the 3rd Hong Kong Games (HKG) Organising Committee (OC) and invite nomination of two committee members to serve as members of the 3rd HKGOC.

Background

2. To further promote the “Sport for All” culture in the community, the Sports Commission (SC) decided in 2006 that the HKG be held biennially from 2007 onwards. The HKG, co-ordinated by the Community Sports Committee (CSC), are a major territory-wide, multi-sport event in Hong Kong with the 18 District Councils (DCs) as the participating units. The objectives of the HKG are to provide districts with more opportunities for sports participation, exchanges and co-operation, and to encourage members of the public to actively participate in sports. Furthermore, the HKG can improve sporting standards at the district level, strengthen the public’s sense of belonging to the district they live in and at the same time facilitate communication and promote friendship among the 18 districts.

The 1st and 2nd HKG

3. The 1st HKG were held from 21 April to 6 May 2007. A total of 1 287 athletes participated in the competition events of four sports, namely athletics, badminton, basketball and table tennis. In addition, various publicity and public relations activities held for the Games attracted over 100 000 participants and were well received by the public. The 2nd HKG were also successfully held from 9 to 31 May 2009. A total of 2 307 athletes participated in the competition events of six sports, namely athletics, badminton, basketball, swimming, table tennis and tennis. Over 160 000 participants were attracted to participate in various activities. There were substantial increases of 80% and 60% in both the number of participating athletes and public participants respectively for the 2nd HKG. Such encouraging results also indicate that the HKG have gradually gained recognition from the whole community and become a significant sports event held biennially in the territory.

Formation of the 3rd HKGOC

4. The 3rd HKG will be held in 2011. In order to allow sufficient time for organising all competitions and launching various publicity programmes, various items of work need to be started at an early date. We have formulated the structure of the 3rd HKGOC after making reference to the mode of operation of the past two HKGs. The HKG are organised and co-ordinated by the SC and the CSC respectively with the 18 DCs, the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China and the relevant National Sports Associations (NSAs) as the co-organisers. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department serves as the executive arm. The structure of the 3rd HKGOC is set out at the **Annex**. The Secretary for Home Affairs has officially appointed Mr CHAU How-chen, the Chairman of the CSC, and Mr TONG Wai-lun, the Vice Chairman of the CSC, as the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the 3rd HKGOC respectively. The collaborating units will send their representatives to serve as the members of the OC in order to participate in various items of organisation work for the 3rd HKG.

5. The 3rd HKGOC will soon be formed in late March 2010 to launch various items of preparatory work for the 3rd HKG. By making reference to the experience gained in the 2nd HKG and the views and recommendations put forward by various sectors of the community, it will draw up the next HKG's sports items, competition format, eligibility requirements for athletes, selection mechanism and so forth in the first half of 2010 so that the 18 DCs can have sufficient time to select athletes in their districts for participation in the 3rd HKG to be held in 2011.

Presentation

6. Members are invited to note this paper and nominate two representatives to serve as members of the 3rd HKGOC.

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Structure of the 3rd Hong Kong Games Organising Committee

- Honorary Patron: The Hon Donald TSANG Yam-kuen, GBM
Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region
of the People's Republic of China
- Honorary Presidents: The Hon Timothy FOK Tsun-ting, GBS, JP
President of the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of
Hong Kong, China
- The Hon IP Kwok-him, GBS, JP
Member of the Legislative Council
- President: Mr TSANG Tak-sing, JP
Secretary for Home Affairs
- Adviser: Mr Raymond YOUNG Lap-moon, JP
Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs
- Vice President: Mrs Betty FUNG CHING Suk-ye, JP
Director of Leisure and Cultural Services
- Chairman: Mr CHAU How-chen, GBS, JP
Chairman of the Community Sports Committee
- Vice Chairmen: Mr William TONG Wai-lun, MH
Vice Chairman of the Community Sports Committee
- Mr Bobby CHENG Kam-wing
Deputy Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Leisure
Services)
- Members:
(In no particular order) Two representatives from the Community Sports Committee
- Representative from the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee
of Hong Kong, China
- Representatives from the 18 District Councils
- Representatives from the National Sports Associations in respect
of the competition events of the 3rd Hong Kong Games

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