

COMMUNITY SPORTS COMMITTEE

Opening up School Facilities for Promotion of Sports Development Scheme

PURPOSE

This paper briefs Members on the latest progress of the “Opening up School Facilities for Promotion of Sports Development Scheme” (the Scheme) jointly launched by the Education Bureau (EDB) and the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) from the 2017/18 school year.

BACKGROUND

2. It has been the Government’s policy to encourage schools to open up their facilities for hire by community organisations, including parent-teacher associations, alumni associations and non-profit-making organisations, as a means to fostering collaboration between schools and the community.

3. To encourage schools to further open up their facilities, EDB and HAB jointly launched the Scheme in the 2017/18 school year to provide additional subsidy to those schools which open up their facilities for organising sports activities by sports organisations. Apart from increasing the provision of sports facilities, the Scheme also enhances the sporting culture in schools and encourages students to develop a healthy sporting habit.

4. Under the Scheme, public sector schools are encouraged to open up their facilities¹ for use by “national sports associations”, their affiliated club members, district sports associations, and other eligible groups to hold sports programmes including squad training programmes, young athletes training programmes, district sports activities, etc. To ensure cost effectiveness, each programme under the Scheme should consist of at least 24 hours of content, such as 12 sessions of 2 hours each.

¹ such as school hall, activity room, playground, sports ground and classroom, outside school hours

5. To facilitate the cultivation of a strong sporting culture in schools and increase students' participation in sports activities, sports organisations using school facilities under the Scheme are required to reserve one-fourth of the places in each programme for priority enrolment of students, teachers and/or parents of the school concerned, subject to their fulfilment of the qualification(s) of that activity, if any.

6. The Scheme also provides financial incentives to encourage schools to open up their facilities. Apart from levying hire charges as provided under the prevailing circulars issued by EDB, schools that hire out their facilities to sport organisations under the Scheme will receive a subsidy from EDB and HAB to cover relevant expenses incurred. The amount of the subsidy is \$20,000 for accommodating the first programme and \$15,000 for each subsequent programme, up to a maximum amount of \$80,000 per school in each school year (subsidising a maximum of 6 programmes). The subsidy can be used for hiring extra manpower, strengthening security measures, defraying additional utility costs, and carrying out urgent minor repair works.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHEME

7. During the first school year upon implementation of the Scheme, over 130 schools indicated their willingness to open up their facilities, a total of 15 sports organisations have arranged to run 38 sports programmes in 12 schools.

8. With the feedback collected from participating schools and sports organisations of the first year, the following enhancement measures are implemented in the 2018/19 school year -

- (a) The subsidy to support schools in hiring out facilities to sports organisations will be increased from \$20,000 to \$30,000 for the first programme, and from \$15,000 to \$20,000 for the second programme onwards. The subsidy cap will be increased from \$80,000 to \$130,000 per school in the 2018/19 school year;
- (b) The Scheme will be expanded to the 72 schools under the Direct Subsidy Scheme (DSS);
- (c) The number of eligible sports organisations of the Scheme will be increased from 81 to 117, covering the district sports organisation and other eligible sports organisations; and

- (d) Participating schools are encouraged to adopt reduced/concessionary rate ² when levying charges for hire of accommodation by the sports organisations concerned as a means to support sport development in the community.

9. Among the 130 schools that had indicated interest in joining the Scheme in the 2018/19 school year, 27 schools opened up their facilities to 20 sports organisations in holding 162 sports programmes. The number of participating schools and sports organisations, as well as the number of programmes organised increased as compared to the first year of implementation of the Scheme.

10. The Scheme has been well received by the sports sector and schools since its launch. Participating schools are of the view that the scheme, apart from facilitating collaboration between schools and sports organisations, also enhance the utilisation of school facilities, increase students' participation in sports activities, and enhance the sporting culture in schools. Participating schools also expressed that the Government may consider providing additional subsidy to cover the cost for procurement and replacement of sports equipment, and further increase the number of eligible sports organisations, so that more beneficiaries can be reached out.

11. The sports organisations are of a view that the Scheme increases the provision of sports venue, which facilitates their promotion of sports and reaching out target beneficiaries. Moreover, they can also establish a long-term partnership with schools while promoting community sports.

ENHANCEMENT MEASURES

12. In the 2019/20 school year, the third school year following the launching of the Scheme, having considered the views from participant schools and sports organisations, and in light of further promoting community sports and a wider participation from schools, the following enhancement measures are implemented.

Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation (Main Fund)

13. Schools having successfully hired out their facilities under the Scheme will be put on the list of eligible applicant organisations for the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation (Main Fund) (the Fund). These

² For example, the standard rate of school hall is \$1,840 per 4-hour; the standard rate of covered playground, basketball court, gymnasium and sports fields is \$555 per 2-hour. Details are at EDB's Guidelines for Levying Charges for Hire of Accommodation in Aided Schools (September 2017).

schools can apply for “Special Project” under the Main Fund. Subject to the assessment results, funding submissions from these schools might each be granted an amount from \$0.7 to \$4 million for construction and improvement of in-campus sports facilities and procurement of sports equipment.

Eligibility for sports organisations

14. To maximise the use of schools facilities for more sports programmes, we initiated a pilot arrangement to accept organisations with experience in holding sports programmes as participating parties. Organisations interested in joining the Scheme, with the provision of proof in support of their experience and track record in holding sports programmes at any school and in the community, may participate the Scheme. Specifically, an applicant organisation must meet the following eligibility criteria -

- (1) registered under the Companies Ordinance or the Societies Ordinance, with articles of association or a constitution of the organisation in place;
- (2) being a non-profit making organisation;
- (3) (a) running intramural sports programmes for any 3 consecutive years within the last 5 years at 5 schools as a minimum (not limited to the same school) with at least 5 000 participants in total each year; **or**
(b) running territory-wide sports programmes for any 3 consecutive years within the last 5 years with a total of at least 10 000 participants each year, including programmes at 2 schools with at least 1 000 participants in total each year; and
- (4) with any supporting letter or written recommendation from partnering school(s) produced to demonstrate the applicant organisation’s ability in holding sports programmes satisfactorily.

FUNDING ARRANGEMENT

15. The subsidies required for the Scheme will continue to be equally borne by the EDB and the HAB. The subsidies would be disbursed by EDB to the participating schools.

LATEST DEVELOPMENT

16. With the relevant Circular Memorandum³ issued by EDB in May 2010 inviting schools to participate the Scheme in 2019/20, 129 schools expressed their interested in joining with 56 schools paired up with 36 sports organisations in holding 266 sports programmes. With the Scheme commencing its third school year, the number of participating schools and sports organisations, programmes organised and beneficiaries grow substantially.

17. The follow table summarised the participation in the Scheme since the 2017/18 school year -

School year	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Number of participating schools	12	27 (+125%)	56 (+107%)
Number of participating sports organisations	15	20 (+34%)	36 ⁴ (+80%)
Number of programmes organised	38	162 (+326%)	266 (+64%)
Number of beneficiaries	1 333	3 392 (+154%)	10 094 (+198%)

18. We will continue to collect feedback from participating schools and sports organisations in a way to further enhance the Scheme. We expect the see more sports organisations utilising school facilities for their activities.

ADVICE SOUGHT

19. Members are invited to note the implementation and the latest progress of the Scheme.

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³ EDB Circular Memorandum No. 103/2019.

⁴ 3 of them participated the Scheme by fulfilling the extended eligibility mentioned in *para.* 14. These sports organisations eventually co-operated with 13 schools in organising 38 sports programmes.

**Opening up School Facilities for
Promotion of Sports Development Scheme
Details of programmes**

School year: 2017/18

Sports Organisation	School (District)	No. of Programmes	Type of sports	School facilities	No. of participants
Eastern District Recreation & Sports Advancement Association Limited	SKH Li Fook Hing Secondary School (Eastern)	5	Basketball, Volleyball	Playground	100
Eastern Force Archery Club	Cheung Chuk Shan College (Eastern)	4	Archery	Covered playground	247
Hong Kong Badminton Association Limited	Hong Kong & Kowloon Chiu Chow Public Association Secondary School (Yau Tsim Mong)	1	Badminton	Badminton court	24
Shatin Sports Association Baseball Club	HKTA Shun Yeung Primary School (Sha Tin)	1	Baseball	Baseball field	30
Sha Tin Sports Association Limited	HKTA Shun Yeung Primary School (Sha Tin)	4	Baseball	Baseball field	118
Hong Kong Rope Skipping Association, China	Lung Cheung Government Secondary School (Wong Tai Sin)	2	Rope skipping	Hall, activity room	150
Hong Kong Kendo Association Limited	SKH St. Benedict's School (Wong Tai Sin)	2	Kendo	Hall	200

Sports Organisation	School (District)	No. of Programmes	Type of sports	School facilities	No. of participants
Hong Kong Kart Club Limited	TWGHs S C Gaw Memorial School (Kwai Tsing)	1	Karting	Hall	17
Hong Kong Ice Hockey Association Limited	YOT Tin Ka Ping Primary School (Sai Kung)	5	Ice hockey	Synthetic ice rink	70
Explorer Sports Club	HKSKH Bishop Hall Secondary School (Kwun Tong)	1	Handball	Playground	23
	Yan Chai Hospital Wong Wha San Secondary School (Sai Kung)	2	Handball	Basketball court	60
Leap Judo Club		1	Judo	Covered playground / activity room	28
Sai Kung District Sports Association Limited	Secondary School (Sai Kung)	1	Badminton	Badminton court	20
Hong Kong Rope Skipping Club	Tin Shui Wai Methodist Primary School (Yuen Long)	1	Rope skipping	Hall	95
Hong Kong Baseball Association Limited	HKTA Shun Yeung Primary School (Sha Tin)	2	Baseball	Baseball field	66
Tuen Mun Sports Association Limited	Ho Ngai College (Sponsored by Sik Sik Yuen)(Tuen Mun)	5	Basketball	Hall, playground	85
Total: 15 sports organisations	Total: 12 schools	Total: 38 programmes	Total: 11 types	Total: 8 types	Total:1 333 person

School year: 2018/19

Sports Organisation	School (District)	No. of Programmes	Type of sports	School facilities	Estimated no. of participants
Explorer Sports Club	HKSKH Bishop Hall Secondary School (Kwun Tong)	6	Handball	Playground	150
Hong Kong Baseball Association Limited	HKTA Shun Yeung Primary School (Shatin)	6	Baseball	Baseball field	86
Shatin Sports Association		6	Baseball	Baseball field	150
Hong Kong Rugby Union	YMCA of Hong Kong Christian College (Islands)	12	Rugby	Artificial turf football pitch	314
	De La Salle Secondary School NT (North)	4	Rugby	Grass pitch	80
Sai Kung District Sports Association Limited	Yan Chai Hospital Wong Wha San Secondary School (Sai Kung)	2	Badminton	Hall	60
Leap Judo Club		3	Judo	Activity room, playground	15
Hong Kong Rope Skipping Club		2	Rope skipping	Activity room, playground	120
	Hong Kong & Kowloon Chiu Chow Public Association Secondary School (Yau Tsim Mong)	2	Rope skipping	Hall	40
Hong Kong Rope Skipping Club	Tin Shui Wai Methodist Primary School (Yuen Long)	6	Rope skipping	Hall	40
	Heung To Middle School (Sham Shui Po)	6	Rope skipping	Pitch	40
	SKH Li Fook Hing Secondary School (Eastern)	4	Rope skipping	Hall	40
	Mu Kuang English School (Kwun Tong)	6	Rope skipping	Hall, playground	40
	Maryknoll Fathers' School (Sham Shui Po)	10	Rope skipping	Playground	280
Eastern District Recreation & Sports Advancement Association	SKH Li Fook Hing Secondary School (Eastern)	5	Volleyball	Volleyball court	20

Sports Organisation	School (District)	No. of Programmes	Type of sports	School facilities	Estimated no. of participants
Limited					
Central Baseball Club	Islamic Kasim Tuet Memorial College (Eastern)	2	Baseball	Playground	20
Scout Association of Hong Kong, 120 th Kowloon Group	SKH Good Shepherd Primary School (Kowloon City)	6	Athletics, basketball, badminton	Hall, classroom, activity room	180
Tai Po Balance Bike Club	Lam Tsuen Pub Wong Fook Luen Mem School (Tai Po)	6	Balance bike	Playground	150
Tuen Mun Sports Association Limited	Ho Ngai College (Sponsored by Sik Sik Yuen) (Tuen Mun)	9	Basketball, Football	Basketball court, hall	320
	Ching Chung Hau Po Woon Secondary School (Tuen Mun)	6	Football	Basketball court	22
Yuen Long Football Club	Buddhist Wing Yan School (Yuen Long)	6	Football	Playground	15
Hong Kong Ice Hockey Association Limited	YOT Tin Ka Ping Primary School (Sai Kung)	6	Ice hockey	Synthetic ice rink	400
	Fukien Secondary School Affiliated School (Kwun Tong)	3	Ice hockey	Synthetic ice rink	90
Eastern Force Archery Club	Cheung Chuk Shan College (Eastern)	6	Archery	Playground	132
Unicycling Association of Hong Kong, China	Chan's Creative School (Islands) (Eastern)	3	Unicycling	Playground	90
	PLK Chong Kee Ting Primary School (Shatin)	2	Unicycling	Playground	20
	Kwok Man School (Islands)	3	Unicycling	Playground	20
	HKFEW Wong Cho Bau School (Islands)	3	Unicycling	Hall	30
	Fukien Secondary School Affiliated School (Kwun Tong)	3	Unicycling	Hall	90
The Central and Western District	Lok Sin Tong Leung Kau Kui	6	Basketball	Playground	60

Sports Organisation	School (District)	No. of Programmes	Type of sports	School facilities	Estimated no. of participants
Recreation and Sports Association	College (Central and Western)				
Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong	Chinese YMCA College (Shatin)	8	Handball, walking football, cycling & physical fitness	Pitch, cycling room, gymnasium	240
Hong Kong Chido Taekwondo Association Limited	Kwok Man School (Islands)	3	Taekwondo	Activity room	20
Hong Kong East Archery Club	True Light Middle School of Hong Kong (Wan Chai)	1	Archery	Rooftop sports ground	18
Total: 20 sports organisations	Total: 27 schools	Total: 162 programmes	Total: 18 types	Total: 14 types	Total: 3 392 person

School year: 2019/20

Sports Organisation	School (District)	No. of Programmes	Type of sports	School facilities	Estimated no. of participants
Hong Kong Rope Skipping Association, China	Queen Elizabeth School Old Students' Association Secondary School (Yuen Long)	4	Rope skipping	Hall, Covered playground	120
Explorer Sports Club	HKSKH Bishop Hall Secondary School (Kwun Tong)	6	Handball	Playground, Sports room	240
Yuen Long Football Club	Buddhist Wing Yan School (Yuen Long)	4	Football	Playground	100
The Hong Kong Table Tennis Association	Yu Chun Keung Memorial College No. 2 (Southern)	1	Table tennis	Hall, Playground	500
South China Athletic Association	HKTA Ching Chung Secondary School (Kwun Tong)	3	Handball	Playground	90

Sports Organisation	School (District)	No. of Programmes	Type of sports	School facilities	Estimated no. of participants
Tai Po Balance Bike Team	Lam Tsuen Public Wong Fook Luen Memorial School (Tai Po)	6	Balance bike	Covered playground	150
	Tai Po Baptist Public School (Tai Po)	6	Balance bike		150
Hong Kong Rope Skipping Club	Yan Chai Hospital Wong Wha San Secondary School (Sai Kung)	3	Rope skipping	Activity room	120
	Maryknoll Fathers' School (Sham Shui Po)	6	Rope skipping	Covered playground	360
	PLK Tong Nai Kan Junior Secondary College (Sham Shui Po)	1	Rope skipping	Hall	40
	HKKKWA Sun Fong Chung Primary School (Tai Po)	6	Rope skipping	Covered playground	240
	Catholic Ming Yuen Secondary School (Sai Kung)	1	Rope skipping	Covered playground	40
	SKH Li Fook Hing Secondary School (Eastern)	4	Rope skipping	Hall	160
	Tin Shui Wai Methodist Primary School (Yuen Long)	5	Rope skipping	Hall	200
	Hong Kong and Kowloon Chiu Chow Public Association Secondary School (Yau Tsim Mong)	4	Rope skipping	Covered playground	160

Sports Organisation	School (District)	No. of Programmes	Type of sports	School facilities	Estimated no. of participants
	Tsuen Wan Chiu Chow Public School (Tsuen Wan)	2	Rope skipping	Covered playground	80
	S.K.H. St. Benedict's School (Wong Tai Sin)	1	Rope skipping	Hall	40
Hong Kong Rope Skipping Club	Lung Cheung Government Secondary School (Wong Tai Sin)	2	Rope skipping	Hall	60
	HKSYC & IA Chan Nam Chong Memorial College (Kwai Ching)	2	Rope skipping	Hall, Covered playground	80
	Mu Kuang English School (Kwun Tong)	6	Rope skipping	Hall	180
	Heung To Middle School (Sham Shui Po)	5	Rope skipping	Covered playground	200
Physical Fitness Association of Hong Kong, China	Fortress Hill Methodist Secondary School (Eastern)	3	Resistance training	Gymnasium, Classroom	84
	St. Joseph's Anglo-Chinese School (Kwun Tong)	3	Physical Fitness	Hall, Classroom	170
	Chinese YMCA College (Shatin)	1	Physical Fitness	Hall	80
Leap Judo Club	Yan Chai Hospital Wong Wha San Secondary School (Sai Kung)	3	Judo	Activity room	60
Unicycling Association of	PLK Chong Kee Ting Primary	3	Unicycling	Playground	72

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Hong Kong	School (Shatin)				
	H.K.F.E.W. Wong Cho Bau School (Islands)	3	Unicycling	Hall	96
	Chan's Creative School (Hong Kong Island) (Eastern)	3	Unicycling	Hall	84
	Kwok Man School (Islands)	3	Unicycling	Playground	60
	Chan's Creative School (Hong Kong Island) (Kwun Tong)	3	Unicycling	Hall	84
Hong Kong Ice Hockey Association	Yan Oi Tong Tin Ka Ping Primary School (Sai Kung)	6	Ice hockey	Playground, Synthetic ice rink	300
		3	Ice hockey	Playground, Hall	210
Central Baseball Club	YMCA of Hong Kong Christian College (Islands)	3	Baseball	Playground, Basketball court	36
	Islamic Kasim Tuet Memorial College (Eastern)	3	Baseball	Playground	36
	SKH Li Fook Hing Secondary School (Eastern)	3	Baseball	5-a-side soccer pitches	36
Eastern Force Archery Club	Cheung Chuk Shan College (Eastern)	6	Archery	Covered playground	96
Tai Po Sports Association	Ling Liang Church MH Lau Secondary School (Tai Po)	1	Archery	Pitch	24
I Robot	The Yuen Yuen Institute MFBM Nei Ming Chan	3	Handball	Playground, Sports room	120

Sports Organisation	School (District)	No. of Programmes	Type of sports	School facilities	Estimated no. of participants
	Lui Chung Tak Memorial College (Yuen Long)				
EVO Sports Organisation	St. Francis Xavier's School, Tsuen Wan (Tsuen Wan)	6	Handball	Playground, Sports room	240
Central & Western District Recreations and Sports Association	Lok Sin Tong Leung Kau Kui College (Central and Western)	6	Basketball	Playground	180
Tuen Mun Sports Association	Ching Chung Hau Po Woon Secondary School (Tuen Mun)	6	Football	Basketball court	180
	Ho Ngai College (Sponsored By Sik Sik Yuen) (Tuen Mun)	6	Football	Hall	120
Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong	Chinese YMCA College (Shatin)	1	Physical Fitness	Gymnasium	15
		4	Walking football	Pitch	120
Rhino Hockey Club	Tung Koon District Society Fong Shu Chuen School (Yau Tsim Mong)	6	Hockey	Playground	144
Handball Association of Hong Kong, China	HKTA Ching Chung Secondary School (Kwun Tong)	3	Handball	Playground	90
Hamazing Korfball Club	Chinese YMCA Primary School (Yuen Long)	2	Korfball	Basketball court	40
HK Rugby Union	YMCA of Hong Kong Christian College (Islands)	15	Rugby	Artificial turf football pitch	1385

Sports Organisation	School (District)	No. of Programmes	Type of sports	School facilities	Estimated no. of participants
International Taekwondo HK	Queen Elizabeth School Old Students' Association Secondary School (Yuen Long)	6	Taekwondo	Activity room	180
Hong Kong Shuttlecock Association	Chinese YMCA College (Shatin)	2	Shuttlecock	Badminton court	40
Hong Kong China Bodybuilding and Fitness Association	True Light Middle School of Hong Kong (Wan Chai)	3	Bodyweight workout	Rooftop sports ground	45
	Buddhist Chi King Primary School (Kwun Tong)	1	Physical Fitness	Hall	22
	Tsuen Wan Government Primary School (Tsuen Wan)	1	Physical Fitness	Activity room	22
Kowloon City District Recreation and Sports Council	Jordan Valley St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School (Kwun Tong)	4	Basketball	Basketball court	200
Eastern District Recreation and Sports Advancement Association	SKH Li Fook Hing Secondary School (Eastern)	2	Volleyball	Volleyball court	50
The Scout Association of Hong Kong, Team 120	SKH Good Shepherd Primary School (Kowloon City)	6	Scoutcraft	Hall, Classroom, Activity room	360
Sha Tin Sports Association	HKTA Shun Yeung Primary School (Shatin)	6	Baseball	Baseball field	150
Hong Kong Baseball Association		6	Baseball	Baseball field	616

Sports Organisation	School (District)	No. of Programmes	Type of sports	School facilities	Estimated no. of participants
HK FloorCurling Association	Islamic Dharwood Pau Memorial Primary School (Wong Tai Sin)	6	Floor curling	Hall	144
	Maryknoll Secondary School (Kwun Tong)	5	Floor curling	Hall	120
	Chan's Creative School (Hong Kong Island) (Eastern)	3	Floor curling	Hall	72
	Islamic Primary School (Tuen Mun)	4	Floor curling	Hall	96
HK Chido Taewondo Association	Kwok Man School (Islands)	3	Taekwondo	Activity room	60
Hong Kong YWCA-Y Fitness	SKH Li Fook Hing Secondary School (Eastern)	3	Zumba fitness dance	Activity room	36
Inspiring Hong Kong Sports Foundation	Lok Sin Tong Leung Kau Kui College (Central and Western)	2	Roller skating	Covered playground	32
	Tin Shui Wai Methodist Primary School (Yuen Long)	2	Fencing, Basketball	Covered playground, Playground	40
	Kowloon Technical School (Sham Shui Po)	3	Cross country running, shuttlecock	Playground	75
	Father Cucchiara Memorial School (Kwai Ching)	2	Shuttlecock	Covered playground	Roll40
	SKH Tsoi Kung Po Secondary School	2	Dodgebee	Covered playground	40

Sports Organisation	School (District)	No. of Programmes	Type of sports	School facilities	Estimated no. of participants
	(Kowloon City)				
	Fung Kai Liu Yun Sum Memorial School (Northern)	2	Fencing	Activity room	40
	Confucius Hall Secondary School (Wan Chai)	2	Boxing, Dancing	Classroom	32
	Fortress Hill Methodist Secondary School (Eastern)	2	Tchoukball	Playground	40
Hong Kong Rope Skipping Union	Yan Chai Hospital Lan Chi Pat Memorial Secondary School (Sai Kung)	2	Rope skipping	Hall	70
Total: 36 sports organisations	Total: 56 schools	Total:266 programmes	Total: 31 types	Total: 16 types	10 094 person