

## COMMUNITY SPORTS COMMITTEE

### Minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Community Sports Committee

**Date:** 28 February 2014 (Friday)  
**Time:** 10:30 am  
**Venue:** Conference Room 401, 4/F, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters,  
1-3 Pai Tau Street, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

**Present:** Mr TONG Wai-lun (Chairman)  
Mr David YIP Wing-shing (Vice-chairman)  
Mr Daniel CHAM Ka-hung  
Mr Henry CHAN Chi-chiu  
Mr CHENG Shu-ming  
Mr CHU King-yuen  
Mrs Stella LAU KUN Lai-kuen  
Ms LEE Ching-nga  
Mr Philip LI Wing-kuen  
Mr LIU Ah-chuen  
Ms TUNG Kin-lei  
Prof Stephen WONG Heung-sang  
Mr George YIP Chi-wai  
Dr YUNG Shu-hang  
Prof LEUNG Mei-lee

#### Department Representatives in Regular Attendance

Miss Olivia CHAN Yeuk-oi	(Representative from Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Mr CHEUNG Ping-wai	(Representative from Home Affairs Bureau)
Dr Anne FUNG Yu-kei	(Representative from Department of Health)
Mr HO Chun-ip	(Representative from Education Bureau)
Ms Miriam POON Wai-ming	(Representative from Social Welfare Department)
Mr Dennis NGAN Yu-pang	(Representative from Home Affairs Department)

#### Absent with Apologies

Ms Peggy LEE Pik-yee  
Mr Raphael TONG Tai-wai  
Mrs Cecillia WONG LAM Siu-ling  
Dr Simon YEUNG Sai-mo

### **In Attendance**

Mrs Betty FUNG CHING Suk-ye	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Mr Bobby CHENG Kam-wing	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Ms Rebecca LOU Wai-yi	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Ms Alice HEUNG Ching-ye	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Ms Joanne FU Lai-chun	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)

### **Secretary**

Mr Simon LIU Wai-shing	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
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### **Opening Remarks**

1.1 The Chairman welcomed all Members and representatives from various government departments to the meeting. He also extended a welcome to Ms Joanne FU of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) and Mr CHEUNG Ping-wai of the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB).

### **Item 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of Last Meeting of the Community Sports Committee (CSC)**

2.1 The Secretariat had emailed the draft minutes of the last meeting to Members for comment on 13 February and received proposed amendments. The Chairman asked Members to refer to the proposed amendments and the revised minutes tabled at the meeting. As no further amendment was proposed at the meeting, the Chairman announced that the minutes of the last meeting were endorsed.

### **Item 2: Matters Arising**

#### **(i) Report on the Follow-up to Proposals to Improve the Arrangements for the Booking and Allocation of Recreation and Sports Facilities of the LCSD**

3.1 Ms Alice HEUNG of the LCSD gave a PowerPoint presentation on the latest progress in implementing improvement measures in response to the investigation report of the Office of The Ombudsman (The Ombudsman). Following the measures taken in June 2013 to improve the booking and allocation mechanism for recreation

and sports facilities, the Department would put in place further improvement measures in 2014. This would include reducing the maximum booking hours allowed for individual hirers during peak hours; revising the booking quota for organisation hirers during peak hours; revising the penalty for organisations failing to use booked venues; and imposing administrative penalties on individuals who failed to show up for their reserved sessions, engaged in unauthorised transfer of user permits or abused the rate concession in making bookings. As regards other recommendations made by The Ombudsman, namely cancelling or revising the arrangement for organisations to make priority bookings in the capacity of a limited company or an organisation registered as a society, adjusting the opening hours of turf football pitches, introducing immediate payment for telephone reservations, providing computerised booking service for non-fee charging recreation and sports facilities, and allowing a hirer to authorise another user to sign in, the Department did not recommend implementing the first three proposed measures, but would consider the feasibility of taking forward the remaining two when the Leisure Link System (LLS) was due for major overhaul so as to optimise the use of public resources.

3.2 Ms Alice HEUNG also responded to the questions raised by Members as follows:

- (a) Some Members were concerned that revising the booking quota for organisation hirers during peak hours might make it difficult for national sports associations (NSAs) to secure suitable venues for organising activities. Ms Alice HEUNG replied that the NSAs could currently reserve recreation and sports facilities up to one year in advance, thereby enjoying priority over companies or societies in general. Organisations seeking to make bookings for peak hour sessions in the capacity of a limited company or an organisation registered as a society had less chance of success than NSAs and schools. Usually they could only manage to secure facilities with lower utilisation or book off-peak sessions. Despite the fact that bookings made by the HAB and the LCSD would be counted against the booking quota for organisation hirers under the new arrangement, the figures of the past few years indicated that the number of booked sessions for most of the facilities did not exceed the revised booking quota even after counting those sessions booked by the HAB and the LCSD. With the aim of increasing the transparency of organisation bookings, the new measure should not have adverse impact on the hiring of recreation and sports facilities by the NSAs.
- (b) As for the recommendation to tighten the penalty against

organisations failing to use booked venues, it was suggested that the penalty of suspension from booking facilities be restricted to the district where the no-show occurred, instead of being applicable to the 18 districts across the territory. The Department hoped that the penalty could achieve a deterrent effect without hindering the promotion of sports development by the NSAs.

- (c) The maximum booking hours allowed for individuals would vary depending on the nature of venues and facilities.
- (d) As regards the introduction of immediate payment for telephone reservations, abuses of the telephone reservation system dropped significantly in number following the implementation of two countermeasures in September 2011 and June 2012. According to a telephone survey conducted by the Department earlier on, a majority (about 76%) of the 284 respondents who had used the telephone reservation service did not support the introduction of a charge for the service. In 2013, telephone reservations made for LCSD's recreation and sports facilities accounted for only about 6% of the total number of bookings made through the LLS. Given the low usage rate of the telephone reservation service and the huge cost of developing the payment system, the Department found the introduction of immediate payment arrangement for telephone reservations not cost-effective. Therefore, it did not recommend the implementation of such a measure for the time being.
- (e) The Department would not consider the proposal of extending the opening hours of turf football pitches for the time being as it might cause light and noise nuisances to residents in the neighbourhood. The Department would continue to provide more third generation artificial turf football pitches so that more sessions could be made available to meet public needs.

3.3 The Chairman thanked Members for their invaluable views. He hoped that the LCSD would consider their views in order to further improve the booking and allocation mechanism for recreation and sports facilities.

[Professor Stephen WONG left the meeting after this item.]

**Item 3: Formation of the 5th Hong Kong Games Organising Committee (CSC Paper 01/14)**

4.1 Ms Rebecca LOU presented CSC Paper 01/14. She called for nomination of two Members to sit on the 5th Hong Kong Games (HKG) Organising Committee (OC).

4.2 The Chairman thanked the Secretary for Home Affairs for his appointment as Chairman of the 5th HKGOC. He hoped that with the staunch support of Mr David YIP, the Vice-chairman, and other Members, the 5th HKG would be another success. The Chairman mentioned that Messrs CHENG Shu-ming and CHU King-yuen had sat on the last HKGOC, and asked Members to nominate representatives to take part in organising the 5th HKG.

4.3 Mr David YIP proposed Prof Stephen WONG of the education sector and Mr Henry CHAN, a regular organiser of large-scale community activities and keen sponsor of the performances at the 4th HKG Opening Ceremony, to sit on the 5th HKGOC. The Chairman thanked Mr YIP for the nomination. Members raised no objection, and Mr Henry CHAN, who was present at the meeting, accepted the invitation. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to contact Prof Stephen WONG in due course for the invitation.

(Post-meeting note: Prof Stephen WONG accepted the invitation to sit on the 5th HKGOC as a representative of the CSC.)

**Item 4: Proposal on Sport For All Day 2014 (CSC Paper 02/14)**

5.1 Mr Simon LIU presented CSC Paper 02/14. Miss Olivia CHAN of the LCSD responded to Members' enquiries and suggestions as follows:

- (a) The LCSD would co-ordinate, as far as possible, the arrangements for well-known athletes to join the Sports Ambassadors in the Sport For All Day activities held in various districts for the promotion of healthy exercises.
- (b) There were two main parts to the Sport For All Day. Regarding the free use of facilities, the duration of each session would be the same as the existing arrangement, which was usually an hour. Increasing the number of sessions for free use by reducing the duration of each session to half an hour would involve modifications of the computer programme which might easily cause confusion. As for the

organisation of activities, the LCSD would arrange for free sports programmes, including various sports play-in and rope skipping activities, to be staged at designated sports centres in the districts. It would also invite rope skipping bodies to demonstrate skipping skills and lead the participants in play-in activities. The Department would work out the details taking into account Members' views.

- (c) The suggestion of writing a theme song for the rope skipping activities might not be feasible as it would involve complicated processes such as music arrangement, lyric writing and identification of suitable singer(s). However, noting that the rope skipping activities currently organised by skipping bodies were always accompanied with music, the LCSD would liaise with such bodies for suitable arrangements.
- (d) The FISAC-IRSF World Rope Skipping Championships would also be held in Hong Kong in early August this year under the subvention of the LCSD. The Department had liaised with the Hong Kong Rope Skipping Association, China (HKRSA) as to how the Championships and the Sport For All Day could, under possible circumstances, be suitably linked for publicity purpose. The Department would also invite rope skipping teams from sports clubs under the HKRSA and schools/organisations to attend the rope skipping promotion activities organised by the 18 district leisure services offices of the LCSD on the Sport For All Day.

5.2 The Chairman thanked Members for their invaluable input and hoped that the LCSD would fully consider their views when organising activities.

**Item 5: Initial Review of School Sports Programme Coordinator Pilot Scheme (CSC Paper 03/14)**

6.1 Ms Joanne FU of the LCSD presented CSC Paper 03/14.

6.2 Her responses to Members' views were summarised as follows:

- (a) Since the launch of the School Sports Programme Coordinator Pilot Scheme (the Scheme), three of the School Sports Programme Coordinators (SSPCs) had left the employment of their schools. The reasons for their departure included not being able to adapt to the work environment of the school and handle the administrative work, embarking on a coaching career and starting a business.
- (b) To assist SSPCs in their administrative duties, the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) had provided them with a lot of pre-service and on-the-job training. The training included activities organisation, interpersonal communication, leadership and team building, writing and presentation, administrative management and basic computer applications. The schools also assisted by appointing one or two mentors to advise the SSPCs on their routine duties and allowing them to work flexible hours so that they can settle in quickly and pursue further studies while working.
- (c) The LCSD had gained an initial understanding of the effectiveness of the Scheme through the annual reports submitted by participating schools on the activities organised during the first school year under the Scheme, school visits, experience-sharing sessions with SSPCs and school representatives and the questionnaire survey conducted on SSPCs and students. It was found that the Scheme had achieved the intended results. Most of the SSPCs were able to adapt to the work environment in their schools and gain experience in sports administration. SSPCs all hoped that the Scheme would be run on an on-going basis so that they could see a clear way forward.
- (d) The LCSD would consolidate Members' views and commence the preparatory work for a comprehensive review as soon as possible in order to formulate a proposal on the Scheme's future development direction, mode of operation and resource requirement for Members' discussion.
- (e) “Fit 仔 Fit 女計劃” (English name not available), the fitness scheme held at Tin Shui Wai Methodist College, was organised on the school's own initiative. It was noted that the project had achieved favourable results, with significant improvement in students' physical well-being.

(Post-meeting note: The relevant materials were emailed to

Members on 13 March by the LCSD.)

6.3 Miss Olivia CHAN of the LCSD told Members that the Scheme was one of the support programmes for retired athletes. It aimed to provide employment opportunities and an on-the-job training platform for retired athletes, who lacked social and work experiences, and help them fit into employment settings. She said that the future development of SSPCs hinged on their personal choices. The HAB and LCSD would continue to discuss the future direction of the Scheme with the EDB and HKSI in the hope that the Scheme could be sustained for the benefit of more schools and athletes.

6.4 The Chairman said he was glad to know that the Scheme had initially achieved the intended results and was well aware of the efforts the HAB and LCSD, together with the EDB and HKSI, had put into the Scheme to make it run smoothly. He looked forward to a comprehensive review to be conducted and the long-term development direction of the Scheme to be set out by the HAB and LCSD after the second year of its implementation.

#### **Item 6: Any Other Business**

##### **(i) Hong Kong and Shanghai Summer Sports Camp for Youth 2014**

7.1 Ms Joanne FU reported that this year's Camp would be held between 11 and 15 August at the Oriental Land in Shanghai and the sports under the exchange programme would be tennis, volleyball and basketball. Major in-camp activities would include joint training and friendly matches in the sports concerned, and visits to sports facilities and local tourist attractions. The Shanghai Administration of Sports had invited the Hong Kong Delegation to arrange for 40 young athletes aged between 11 and 16 to attend the Camp. She called for the CSC to nominate two Members as the Head and the Deputy Head of the Hong Kong Delegation to lead the young athletes to the exchange programme this year.

7.2 The Chairman said that the Head and the Deputy Head of the Hong Kong Delegation who led the young athletes to the 2012 Camp in Shanghai were Mr David YIP, Vice-chairman of the CSC, and Mrs Stella LAU, Member of the CSC. He invited nominations from Members for the Head and the Deputy Head of the Delegation to this year's Camp.

7.3 Mr David YIP nominated Mr CHU King-yuen and Mrs Cecilia WONG of the education sector as the Head and the Deputy Head of the Delegation to this year's Camp to be held at the Oriental Land in Shanghai.

7.4 The Chairman thanked Mr David YIP for the nominations and Members had no objections. Mr CHU King-yuen, who was present at the meeting, accepted the invitation. The Chairman asked the Secretariat to contact Mrs Cecilia WONG later and relay his invitation for her to lead the delegation to the Camp.

(Post-meeting note: Mrs Cecilia WONG accepted the invitation to be the Deputy Head of the Delegation to the Camp.)

### **Adjournment of Meeting**

8.1 The Chairman thanked Members for attending the meeting. The Secretariat would inform Members of the date of the next meeting in due course.

8.2 The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

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Community Sports Committee Secretariat  
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