

COMMUNITY SPORTS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 41st Meeting of the Community Sports Committee

Date: 16 November 2016 (Wednesday)
Time: 2:30 pm
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 Patrick CHAN
Mr CHAN Pok-chi
Mr CHEUNG Ki-tang
Mr CHU King-yuen
Mr Arnold CHUNG Chi-lok
Ms LEE Ching-nga
Ms Peggy LEE Pik-yee
Mr WONG Wai-shun
Prof Patrick YUNG Shu-hang
Mr Kenneth FOK Kai-kong

Department Representatives in Regular Attendance

Mr Richard WONG Tat-ming (Representative from Leisure and
Cultural Services Department)
Miss Petty LAI Chun-yee (Representative from Home Affairs
Bureau)
Dr Anne FUNG Yu-kei (Representative from Department of
Health)
Mr HO Chun-ip (Representative from Education
Bureau)

Absent with Apologies

Mr CHENG King-leung
Ms HON Sze-sze
Mr Daniel LEE Chi-wo
Ms TUNG Kin-lei
Ms WAI Hoi-ying

In Attendance

Ms Michelle LI Mei-sheung	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Mr Raymond FAN Wai-ming	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Ms Heidi WONG Hoi-ka	(Home Affairs Bureau)
Mr SIU Yau-kwong	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Ms May CHEUNG Yee-mei	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)

Secretary

Ms Winnie LEE Fung-ming	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
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Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed all Members and representatives of various government departments to the meeting. He also welcomed Ms Heidi WONG, Executive Officer I (Recreation & Sport)² of the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB), who attended the meeting for the first time. She would join the discussion on the “Consultancy Study on Sport for People with Disabilities in Hong Kong” at Item 3. Also, he welcomed Ms May CHEUNG of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) who attended the meeting for the first time.

2. Ms Michelle LI, the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (DLCS), expressed gratitude to Mr TONG Wai-lun, the Chairman, for his contribution to the Community Sports Committee (CSC) for more than a decade. She gave special thanks to the Members for their service during the current term. Under the leadership of the Chairman, Members had fruitful discussions on matters such as the “School Sports Programme Coordinator Pilot Scheme”, “School Sports Tour – iSmart Fitness Scheme” and “Consultancy Study on Sport for People with Disabilities in Hong Kong”. The DLCS then stated that enrolment for the Vitality Run of the 6th Hong Kong Games, which was being organised, started today. The 10 km event was fully subscribed within an hour, while all places in the 3 km event were taken up as the morning concluded. This showed the overwhelming public support for sports events promoted at the community level by the LCSD. Once again she thanked Members, especially Mr TONG for his efforts over the years, and called on them to give their continued support to the work of the CSC.

3. The Chairman said that his 14 years on the CSC had seen activities growing into regular programmes, serving various communities from students of kindergartens to those of universities. The Chairman thanked all the DLCSs, Deputy Directors and Secretariats of the current and past terms for their support, which enabled the smooth operation of the CSC. He also thanked the DLCS for her kind words of appreciation. On behalf of the CSC, the Chairman gave his heartfelt thanks to the Vice-chairman Mr David YIP, Mr CHU King-yuen and Ms Peggy LEE for their invaluable advice to the CSC over the past years.

Item 1: Confirmation of the Minutes of the Last Meeting of the CSC

4. The draft minutes of the 40th meeting had been emailed to Members for comment on 12 August by the Secretariat. No proposals for amendments had been received so far and the minutes were then emailed to Members on 7 November for information. As no further amendment was proposed at the meeting, the Chairman announced that the minutes of the 40th meeting were endorsed.

Item 2: Matters Arising

5. The Chairman remarked that “Report on Hong Kong and Shanghai Summer Sports Camp for Youth 2016”, a matter arising from previous meetings, would be presented together with two other issues under “Any Other Business” at Item 4 by the representatives of the relevant departments. The CSC would turn first to the “Consultancy Study on Sport for People with Disabilities in Hong Kong” (CSC Paper 05/16) at Item 3.

Item 3: Consultancy Study on Sport for People with Disabilities in Hong Kong (CSC Paper 05/16)

6. The Chairman invited Ms Petty LAI of the HAB to give a PowerPoint presentation on CSC Paper 05/16.

7. Ms Petty LAI presented CSC Paper 05/16. Members’ views on the paper and the HAB’s response were summarised as follows:

- (a) On behalf of the Hong Kong Sports Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability, Mr Patrick CHAN thanked the HAB for the comprehensive and professional study report on the development of sports for people with disabilities (PWDs) in Hong Kong. He looked forward to the implementation of the recommendations in the Report. He was,

however, concerned about how little thought society gave to the achievements and needs of athletes with disabilities. For instance, while the Hong Kong National Team would bag \$3 million prize money for a gold medal in the Rio Olympics, athletes with intellectual disability could get only \$400,000 for the same achievement in the Paralympics. This reflected a big gap in the community in recognising the achievements made by athletes with disabilities. Mr Patrick CHAN further remarked that athletes with disabilities had a stronger need for retirement planning and employment support than their non-disabled counterparts. Quoting paragraph 177 of the Report which said “the Government should encourage more organisers of sports competitions to provide opportunities for PWDs to join by, for example, allocating some places for PWDs or creating a sports category for PWDs”, he thanked the LCSD for implementing the recommendation while consultation was still underway. For instance, the LCSD had invited athletes with intellectual disability to take part in swimming competitions it organised, offering a chance for these athletes to showcase their ability in races.

- (b) Mr CHEUNG Ki-tang said that the consultancy report would play a positive role in promoting participation of PWDs in sports. He suggested the HAB seek resources from the Legislative Council to set up a territory-wide comprehensive sports centre exclusively for PWDs. He was aware of the problems mentioned in the Report about hardware and software, and thought it would be more practical to have coaches and venue staff receive relevant professional training. Moreover, Mr CHEUNG Ki-tang appreciated that, with integration of able-bodied and disabled persons encouraged in society, it would be ideal to have PWDs and other members of the community take part in sports activities together to promote integration. Nevertheless, he understood that it would be a challenge to have attachments fitted to existing sports facilities to cater for PWDs, and to have all venue staff readily understand or well versed in the needs of different kinds of PWDs. He therefore suggested setting up a sports centre especially for PWDs, which would provide a more comfortable environment for PWDs to enjoy sports. Mr CHEUNG Ki-tang also suggested providing centres/hostels/sheltered workshops where PWDs worked out regularly with funds to purchase suitable sports equipment. These centres/hostels/sheltered workshops were manned by medical personnel and instructors, who would have a better understanding of the service recipients’ condition and help them in doing sports and exercise.

- (c) Mr Kenneth FOK quoted paragraph 182 of the Report which “recommended that the HKPC&SAPD [Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled] and relevant NSAs [National Sports Associations] should consider developing programmes similar to the ‘Sports Legacy Programme’ [‘the Programme’] under the SF&OC [Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China]”. The Programme, which primarily engaged retired athletes to teach relevant sports at schools, was much welcomed by ex-athletes. He suggested offering a similar education programme for athletes with disabilities to support their development so that they would have a job while staying active in sports after retirement. He considered that such programme might be provided at schools in remote areas to provide less privileged students with training in specific sports. These students would be introduced to sports which would otherwise be less accessible to them, be able to explore new grounds and get to meet top-notch athletes. At the same time, more retired elite athletes would benefit from the programme. Referring to paragraph 174 of the Report which “recommended that the LCSD should strengthen liaison with special schools and the relevant NSAs”, Mr Kenneth FOK observed that the NSAs, which already had elite athletes, schools and youth training under their purview, might be too occupied to take up extra responsibilities. That made an even stronger case for tapping into the resources that retired athletes had to offer.
- (d) Prof Patrick YUNG thanked the HAB for the detailed report and said the study laid a good foundation for the future development of athletes with intellectual or other disabilities. In connection with the seminars targeting at the caregivers of PWDs as mentioned in the Report, Prof Patrick YUNG suggested reinforcing education and training of relevant medical personnel to help develop sport for PWDs. In terms of sports medicine as a supporting role in sports for PWD, he opined that the training of related medical personnel of the Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled or the venues was very insufficient. Those hired in each recruitment exercise for medical personnel such as doctors and especially physiotherapists, had no relevant experience. It might be challenging for them to handle athletes with disabilities, who were very different from general athletes physiologically and psychologically. To better promote sport in the community and support elite sport among PWDs, education and training of medical personnel were essential.

- (e) Ms Peggy LEE suggested that the HAB should consider discussing with the Home Affairs Department (HAD) the opening of community halls in 18 districts to district organisations of PWDs in non-peak hours, so as to provide them with more choices of venues for sport. She added that community halls were conveniently located and PWDs were more familiar with the environment of these halls. By simply increasing resources and enhancing facilities and their ancillary equipment, more facilities could be made available for PWDs in a short period of time. For example, setting up table tennis tables and arranging improvement works such as anti-skid works at the halls would allow these organisations to participate in simple sports activities such as table tennis and fitness exercise at these community facilities. In addition, Ms Peggy LEE said it was originally intended to consider discussing with schools on opening up their venues for PWD sports. There were, however, issues such as insurance and manpower. Opening school facilities might not be feasible due to these concerns.
- (f) Miss Petty LAI thanked Members for their views. Her responses were summarised as follows:
- (i) With regard to the suggestion on setting up sports centres for PWDs, she said that currently there were integrated centres in some countries with ample provision of sports facilities or adequate space for developing sports facilities. Besides, according to the views from PWDs on transportation, proximity of the sports facilities to their centres was also very important. For instance, when there were available facilities in several locations near a school, teachers or students might choose the closer one instead of the newer one. Furthermore, the severity of disability of PWDs should also be taken into consideration. Persons with different types of physical disabilities would have different needs, and so would persons with varied severity of intellectual disability. This suggestion would, therefore, be more complicated to work on, but it would still be considered.
- (ii) The suggestion on taking reference from “Sports Legacy Scheme” could be considered. She said that some retired athletes with intellectual disability became teaching assistants in special schools under current arrangements. To make similar arrangements, the individual condition of the athletes concerned should be taken into account. For example, some athletes with physical disability could

teach verbally, but they might not be capable of doing demonstrations.

- (iii) The suggestion on increasing the training of health care personnel would be considered. She said that the assistance of health care personnel in activities participated by PWDs was very important and was in much higher demand when compared with general activities.
- (iv) The suggestion on opening community halls for holding events would be considered. The HAB would use the sports venues of the LCSD as pilot areas and would only consider opening community halls if the pilot scheme proved to be effective. In fact, the current usage rate of community halls was very high.
- (v) Some workshops and centres opined that they might not have sufficient room to accommodate coaching teams for activities. She suggested taking reference from some participating schools of the School Sports Programme Coordinator Pilot Scheme. An atmosphere for sports participation should first be developed in the workshops and centres before considering setting up ancillary hardware such as suitable equipment. It was hoped that with this approach sports participation by PWDs could be further promoted.

Item 4: Any Other Business

(i) Report on Sport For All Day 2016

8. The Chairman invited Ms Winnie LEE of the LCSD to report on Sport for All Day (SFAD) 2016 by PowerPoint.

9. Ms Winnie LEE reported that SFAD 2016 held by the LCSD on 7 August 2016 was a success. The event adopted the theme of “Scale New Heights” and the slogan of “Stay Active Scale New Heights”. In SFAD 2016, the public participated in a series of free recreation activities and enjoyed free use of recreation and sports facilities.

10. She continued that to step up publicity for SFAD, the slogan of the SF&OC “Road to Rio – Support Hong Kong Athletes” was used in this year’s promotional materials. A QR code was added to the publicity materials for easy access to information relating to SFAD and attracting young people to participate in sports activities.

11. The event was well-received, attracting an attendance of more than 230 000, of which over 35 000 participated in more than 190 recreation and sports programmes held across the 18 districts for free, while more than 200 000 enjoyed free use of recreation and sports facilities. There was an increase of 10 000 in attendance when compared with the year before.

12. In the meantime, to create a greater synergy for SFAD in the community, the LCSD wrote to the 18 District Councils (DCs), shopping malls/commercial organisations, private recreational venues/non-governmental organisations (NGOs), property management companies/owners' corporations/owners' associations, NSAs, district sports associations/community sports clubs/community tai chi clubs and schools, etc. They were invited to hold supporting activities from June to August this year such as organising free recreation and sports programmes, allowing free admission to venue facilities on specific dates and taking part in the publicity and promotion for SFAD. Tremendous support was received from more than 390 supporting organisations and the number of participants exceeded 32 000 (compared to 342 supporting organisations and 30 056 participants in the previous year respectively).

13. In addition, the LCSD continued to conduct a questionnaire survey on the provision of free recreation activities among the participants of SFAD. About 4 000 questionnaires were collected. A preliminary analysis showed that 88% or more of respondents found the free recreation activities held that day satisfactory or very satisfactory; over 80% of respondents opined that participation in the event could enhance their interests in sports or other fitness activities; and nearly 85% of respondents expressed that they would continue to participate in sports or other fitness activities. Reference would be made to the above findings when devising programmes for the coming year.

14. For community collaboration, 9 shopping malls, 12 sports goods companies/fitness centres, 116 property management companies/owners' corporations/owners' associations, 10 private recreational venues and 110 schools, etc. supported SFAD by promoting public awareness in sports participation at the community level through different means, including providing parking discount, displaying promotional messages on sports goods, organising recreation and sports activities, and opening up venues and facilities.

15. In addition, the LCSD continued to set up sports-related 3D "Photo Fun" Zones this year for effective promotion. Some of the Hong Kong elite athletes featured on the panels included NG On-ye (billiards), Annie AU (squash) and WU Siu-hong (bowling). Members of the public might take pictures with them.

16. The LCSD planned to organise SFAD again next year. The plan for the coming year would be reported to Members at future CSC meetings.

17. Mr Arnold CHUNG opined that it would be better if one more SFAD could be organised in winter. This could provide more opportunities for members of the public to participate in this event, thus raising their awareness in the importance of exercise.

18. The Chairman said that this event was highly popular among the public. He believed that the LCSD would actively consider Members' views.

(ii) Progress Report of the 6th Hong Kong Games

19. The Chairman invited Ms May CHEUNG of the Secretariat of the 6th Hong Kong Games (HKG) Organising Committee (OC) to report on the progress of the 6th HKG.

20. Ms May CHEUNG reported that the OC and Standing Committee of the 6th HKG held two meetings each to discuss preparation works and implementation of the arrangements concerned. The 6th HKG was scheduled to take place between 23 April and 28 May 2017. The 18 DCs had started selecting athletes for the eight sports competitions and were required to submit to the OC the name lists of district delegations and athletes by 10 February 2017. Meanwhile, the Secretariat had kicked off a series of promotion activities according to the publicity plan. The "Star-studded Classroom" and sports seminars for the eight sports commenced in June, and the events were well-received by the public.

21. She continued that community participation activities would be held from January to March 2017, including the "Vitality Run" at Shing Mun Riverside on the morning of 8 January 2017 (Sunday). A 3 km-run and a 10 km-run (which was an extension from the original 8 km-run) would be held, and activities such as carnival would be organised. The quota of the "Vitality Run" would be increased from 3 800 to 5 100. A "Selfie" division would be added to the "Dynamic Moments Photo Contest" held in January. "18 Districts' Pledging cum Carnival" would be held at Kowloon Park Sports Centre on 19 February (Sunday), "Cheering Team Competition for the 18 Districts" would be held at another venue – the Queen Elizabeth Stadium – this year on 19 March (Sunday), and the Opening Ceremony of the 6th HKG would be held at the Hong Kong Coliseum on the afternoon of 23 April.

22. The "Swimming Invitation Competition for People with Intellectual Disabilities" and "Wheelchair Basketball Challenge" would be introduced this year to

further encourage PWDs to participate in sports. In addition, the OC had resolved to a proposal from the Hong Kong Rugby Union for the Union to organise, at its own cost, a rugby sevens competition in support of the 6th HKG and to promote the sport of rugby sevens.

23. The total estimated expenditure of the 6th HKG was around \$34 million, including funding support of some \$590,000 for each district (as compared to \$570,000 for each district in the last HKG) to form teams and prepare for the HKG. So far the 6th HKG had received sponsorship of \$7.08 million in cash and about \$2.14 million in kind/service from 11 organisations/groups. Among them was the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, whose offer of \$7 million in sponsorship made it the Principal Contributor for the fourth consecutive HKG. The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust was also the title sponsor for three events, namely “Vitality Run”, basketball competition and futsal competition.

24. The Chairman commented that the “Vitality Run” was very popular and was fully subscribed within a short period of time. Consideration might be given to raise the quota in the event in the next HKG.

(iii) Hong Kong and Shanghai Summer Sports Camp for Youth 2016

25. The Chairman invited Mr SIU Yau Kwong of the LCSD to present the report of the “Hong Kong and Shanghai Summer Sports Camp for Youth 2016” by PowerPoint.

26. Mr SIU Yau Kwong of the LCSD reported that the “Hong Kong and Shanghai Summer Sports Camp for Youth 2016” (the Camp) was successfully held from 18 to 22 July at Yucai High School in Jing’an District, Shanghai. Activities included joint training, friendly matches, evening party and visits to the Shanghai Natural History Museum, Oriental Pearl Radio & TV Tower and Huangpu River. Mr CHU King-yuen and Ms Peggy LEE took up the roles as Head and Deputy Head of the delegation respectively. The 2016 Camp, the eleventh of its kind, featured sports exchange activities in basketball, handball and tennis. Accommodation for this year’s camp was provided at the dormitory at the International Department of Yucai High School, Shanghai and major events were held in the campus. The camp was attended by 40 young athletes each from Hong Kong and Shanghai aged between 11 and 16. The Hong Kong Delegation also included 2 coaches for each sport and 3 accompanying staff.

27. Mr CHU King-yuen thanked the LCSD for the chance to lead the students in the 5-day Camp. The young athletes enjoyed the camp. In addition, he expressed

appreciation to colleagues of the LCSD for their great efforts in arranging the activities and taking care of the delegation members.

28. Ms Peggy LEE thanked colleagues of the LCSD for their exquisite care in arranging the camp itinerary. They took good care of the delegation members before, during and after the activities. She suggested adding team events in the coming year for more exchange opportunities and demonstration of Hong Kong's team spirit. Athletes could join the activities once approvals were obtained from the NSAs concerned. She also reported that it was appropriate to keep the Camp to 5 days as the temperature was constantly high at 41 degree Celsius during the camp period.

29. The Chairman thanked Mr CHU King-yuen and Ms Peggy LEE for representing Hong Kong in the exchange. Under their lead in the Camp, youngsters from Shanghai and Hong Kong broadened their horizons and enhanced their mutual understanding.

Adjournment of Meeting

30. This was the last meeting of the CSC this year. The Chairman thanked Members for their active participation and valuable views provided in the current term. He hoped that Members would continue to support and promote the development of community sport in Hong Kong.

31. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Community Sports Committee Secretariat
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