

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

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Question:

One of the Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2023-24 is to strengthen the promotion of urban sports to encourage participation of more young people and to identify and nurture junior athletes with relevant potential. Would the Government inform this Committee:

1. Whether the needs and demands relating to urban sports have been taken into account in the planning and design of sports venues, so that sufficient and suitable venues will be provided for such kind of activities. If yes, please list dedicated and multipurpose sports venues with a detailed breakdown by urban sports activities that are suitable to be conducted thereat. If no, will relevant studies be conducted?
2. Of the details about identifying and nurturing junior athletes with relevant potential in urban sports, the estimated expenditure to be involved, the estimated number of athletes to be trained, and whether this will involve the Hong Kong Sports Institute or self-financing institutions, etc.;
3. Of the respective numbers of applications received and approved by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in each of the past 3 years for conducting activities relating to new sports in its venues, with a breakdown by the District Council districts in which the venues are located; and
4. Apart from the conversion of some underutilised floors of the Kwun Chung Municipal Services Building into an urban sports centre, whether the Government will take other measures to assist in the promotion of urban sports and facilitate their popularisation, including participation of persons with disabilities. If yes, what are the details? If no, what are the reasons?

Asked by: Hon LAM Siu-lo, Andrew (LegCo internal reference no.: 2)

Reply:

1. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) strives to encourage the public to take part in various kinds of sports activities. The Chief Executive mentioned in 2022 Policy Address that the Government would work with the sports sector, schools and the business sector to promote urban sports that are popular among young people in recent years. The LCSD will actively support and promote urban sports such as sport climbing, 3-on-3 basketball, skateboarding, breaking and futsal. At present, the LCSD provides 14 indoor and outdoor sport climbing facilities and 8 skateboard grounds for dedicated use of the urban sports concerned. Moreover, 5 skateparks, some 500 basketball courts, over 120 5-a-side soccer pitches and over 190 multipurpose activity rooms are also available for conducting relevant urban sports activities.

The LCSD has been looking to promote relevant urban sports by enhancing existing facilities, e.g. conversion of suitable existing venue facilities to provide bouldering walls and skateboarding facilities. The Government also earmarked \$318 million in the 2021-22 Budget to implement a five-year plan for upgrading over 70 soccer pitches, including converting some of the 7-a-side hard-surface soccer pitches into 5-a-side ones and adding 5-a-side soccer line-markings to suitable 7-a-side hard-surface soccer pitches. The plan aims to provide more 5-a-side soccer pitches of international standards to support the development of the sport.

In addition, the LCSD has launched various works projects to provide urban sports facilities. Details of such projects are at [Annex I](#).

2. Under the Sports Subvention Scheme, the LCSD will provide subvention amounting to over \$7 million to the national sports associations (NSAs) promoting urban sports in 2023-24, including Hong Kong Basketball Association, The Hong Kong Football Association, China Hong Kong Mountaineering and Climbing Union, Hong Kong DanceSport Association and Hong Kong Federation of Roller Sports to organise events of 3-on-3 basketball, futsal, sport climbing, breaking, skateboarding, etc. Apart from participating in overseas competitions, these NSAs also organise locally-hosted international events, sports training programmes, local competitions as well as staff and referee training with respect to urban sports. Among the above subvention, the LCSD has reserved about \$3.5 million for the NSAs to organise squad training at different levels, and it is expected that about 250 junior athletes of urban sports will be nurtured to further promote the development of urban sports. On the other hand, the Hong Kong Sports Institute is expected to subsidise elite training for over 100 junior athletes of sport climbing, skateboarding and breaking under the Elite Vote Support Scheme and the Individual Athletes Support Scheme in 2023-24.
3. Currently, sports facilities under the LCSD, such as the arenas and activity rooms of sports centres, are multipurpose facilities available for the public to engage in various kinds of sports activities, including new sports. The LCSD has launched the Pilot Scheme on Subvention for New Sports (the Pilot Scheme) since 2021-22 in support of the development of such sports. The Department also provides subventions for local sports organisations for promotion of new sports. At present, there are a total of 18 sports organisations receiving subventions from the Pilot Scheme and most of the programmes are run at non-LCSD venues, including venues of district sports associations, private clubs, schools and youth education centres, with relevant venue costs subvented by the LCSD. In addition, depending on the facilities available at the

venues, some of the sports organisations will hold subvented programmes at LCSD venues. Details of the use of such venues are set out in Annex II. However, the LCSD does not maintain information about members of the public or organisations booking the aforesaid sports facilities for engaging in new sports outside the Pilot Scheme.

4. Committed to promoting “Sport for All”, the LCSD organises diversified recreational and sports programmes for people of different ages and physical abilities, including persons with disabilities, so as to enhance the quality of life of the public and help them stay healthy. To encourage the public to participate in sports programmes and to promote urban sports, the LCSD plans to organise some 370 programmes covering urban sports such as 3-on-3 basketball, sport climbing, breaking, skateboarding and futsal in 2023-24, and the estimated number of participants is about 15 300. Futsal will be introduced in the Corporate Games 2023 to replace 7-a-side soccer. In addition, the Government has planned to continue organising futsal events and introduce new urban sports which are popular among young people, such as sport climbing, breaking and skateboarding, as demonstration sports events in the upcoming 9th Hong Kong Games. 5-on-5 basketball competition will also be replaced by 3-on-3 basketball, which is more popular among the youth.

Annex I to Reply Serial No. CSTB209

Works projects providing facilities for urban sports

Item	District	Project Title	Dedicated Venue		Multipurpose Venue		
			Sport Climbing	Skate-boarding	3-on-3 Basketball Note 1	5-a-side Soccer	Breaking Note 2
1	Eastern	Public Open Space at East Coast Park Precinct, North Point	0	1	0	0	0
2	Eastern	Sports Centre and Open Space at Aldrich Bay*	1	0	5	3	6
3	Kowloon City	Open Space with Public Vehicle Park at Hung Lok Road and Hung Luen Road, Hung Hom*	0	0	0	1	0
4	Wong Tai Sin	Reprovisioning of Portion of Ma Chai Hang Recreation Ground (a Shatin to Central Link project)	0	0	1	0	3
5	Wong Tai Sin	District Open Space, Sports Centre and Public Vehicle Park at Sze Mei Street	1	0	5	2	3
6	Kwun Tong	Development of New Campus of Vocational Training Council at Kowloon East (Cha Kwo Ling) – Pre-construction Works*	0	0	2	2	0
7	Sham Shui Po	Sports Centre, Outdoor Sports and Recreation Facilities, Social Welfare Facilities and Underground Public Vehicle Park at Po Lun Street, Lai Chi Kok*	0	0	2	1	3

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8	Sham Shui Po	Cheung Wah Street/Cheung Sha Wan Road Development Scheme initiated by the Urban Renewal Authority (SSP-018) – Proposed facilities for the works project of the Joint-user Building at Cheung Sha Wan Road in Sham Shui Po*	0	0	2	1	3
9	Yau Tsim Mong/ Kowloon City	Open Space at Hung Hom Waterfront	0	0	1	0	0
10	Yau Tsim Mong	Open Space at Hoi Fan Road, Tai Kok Tsui	0	0	2	0	0
11	Yau Tsim Mong	Hoi Ting Road Joint User Complex*	0	0	2	2	5
12	Yau Tsim Mong	Open Space cum Public Vehicle Park at To Wah Road*	0	0	1	0	0
13	Tai Po	Ha Hang Village Playground in Area 31, Tai Po	0	0	1	0	0
14	Tai Po	Football-cum-Rugby Pitch with Public Vehicle Park in Area 33, Tai Po*	0	0	1	0	0
15	Tai Po	Sports Centre, Social Welfare Facilities and Public Vehicle Park in Area 6, Tai Po*	1	0	2	0	4
16	Sai Kung	Town Park in Area 68, Tseung Kwan O	0	0	2	0	0

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17	Sai Kung	Joint-user Complex at Site G2, Anderson Road Quarry	0	0	2	0	3
18	Sai Kung	Quarry Park in Anderson Road Quarry*	0	0	2	2	0
19	Sha Tin	Amenity Complex in Area 103, Ma On Shan	1	0	2	1	3
20	Sha Tin	Whitehead Sports Park*	1	1	0	0	0
21	Tsuen Wan	Improvement of Tsuen Wan Riviera Park and Tsuen Wan Park – Phase 1 Development	0	0	2	0	0
22	Tuen Mun	Construction of Playground at Open Space in Area 6, Tuen Mun	0	0	0	2	0
23	Tuen Mun	Open Space with Public Vehicle Park in Area 17, Tuen Mun*	0	1	0	1	0
24	Yuen Long	Sports Centre in Area 12, Yuen Long*	1	0	3	1	0
25	Yuen Long	Leisure and Cultural Complex in Tin Yip Road, Tin Shui Wai – Phase II*	0	0	2	1	0
26	Islands	Joint User Complex in Area 107, Tung Chung*	0	0	3	1	4
27	Islands	Waterfront Promenade in Tung Chung East*	0	0	0	1	0
28	Islands	Cycle Park cum Skatepark in Area 147, Tung Chung*	0	1	0	0	0

Note 1: Including indoor or outdoor basketball courts

Note 2: Including the arena, secondary hall or activity room

* The works project is still under planning and its facilities are yet to be confirmed subject to technical feasibility, actual venue conditions and design.

Annex II to Reply Serial No. CSTB209

Pilot Scheme on Subvention for New Sports 2022-23
New sports programmes organised by sports organisations at LCSD venues

Sports Organisation	Sport	Name of Programme	Venue under the LCSD	Respective District
Hong Kong Kyudo Association	Kyudo	Kyudo Training Course	Cheung Sha Wan Sports Centre	Sham Shui Po
		HKKA Kyudo Taikai		
		Kyudo Experience Class		
Cheerleading Federation of Hong Kong (China) Limited	Cheerleading	2022 CFHKC- The Cheerleading Championships	Tung Chung Man Tung Road Sports Centre	Islands
Hong Kong Dodgeball Association Limited	Dodgeball	Dodgeball Player Foundation Program	Chung Mei Road Temporary Playground	Kwai Tsing
		Dodgeball Youth Intermediate Training Program	Cheung Shun Street Playground	Sham Shui Po
			Kam Shing Road Recreation Ground	Kowloon City
			San Mei Street Basketball Court	Sha Tin
The Kurash Federation of Hong Kong China Limited	Kurash	Beginner Kurash Training Course	Po On Road Sports Centre	Sham Shui Po
		Hong Kong Kurash Federation Championships 2023	Sham Shui Po Sports Centre	Sham Shui Po

Note:

In 2021-22, subvented programmes of all sports organisations participating in the Pilot Scheme were held at non-LCSD venues.