

COMMUNITY SPORTS COMMITTEE

Formation of the 4th Hong Kong Games Organising Committee

Introduction

This paper seeks to report on the progress of the formation of the 4th Hong Kong Games (HKG) Organising Committee (OC) and invite nomination of two committee members to serve as members of the 4th HKGOC.

Background

2. To further promote the “Sport for All” culture in the community, the Sports Commission (SC) has organised the HKG biennially since 2007. The HKG is co-ordinated by the Community Sports Committee (CSC) under the SC and co-organised by the 18 District Councils (DCs), Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, Leisure and Cultural Services Department, and the relevant National Sports Associations. It is a territory-wide major multi-sport event in Hong Kong with the 18 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 active public participation 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, facilitate communication and foster friendship among the 18 districts, and hence help promote community cohesion.

3. The 1st HKG was held in 2007 with a total of 1 287 athletes participating in the competition events of four sports, namely athletics, badminton, basketball and table tennis. In addition, various publicity and public participation activities held for the Games attracted over 100 000 participants. In the 2nd HKG, held in 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 took part in 13 publicity and public participation programmes. The 3rd HKG was held from 14 May to 5 June 2011. With the number of sports increased to eight, the Games had a total of 3 017 athletes participating in the events of athletics, badminton, basketball, futsal, swimming, table tennis, tennis and volleyball. The number of publicity and public participation programmes was increased to 18, involving over 300 000 participants. The 3rd HKG achieved substantial growth in the numbers of competitions events and participating athletes, as well as in public participation, as compared with the previous HKGs. Such encouraging results indicate that the HKG has gradually developed into a significant biennial sports event and gained recognition from the whole community.

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4. The 4th HKG will be held in 2013. In order to provide adequate time for organising all competitions and launching various publicity programmes, the 4th HKGOC will be formed in March 2012. We have formulated the structure of the 4th HKGOC, set out at the **Annex**, after making reference to the mode of operation of the past three HKGs. The Secretary for Home Affairs has officially appointed Mr William TONG Wai-lun, Chairman of the CSC, and Mr David YIP Wing-shing, Vice Chairman of the CSC, as the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the 4th HKGOC respectively. In addition, Mr CHAU How-chen, Chairman of the past three HKGOCs, has been appointed as the Executive Adviser of the 4th HKG and is expected to advise on and share his experience in the planning and preparatory work for the HKG. The collaborating units will send their representatives to serve as the members of the OC in order to participate in various aspects of the organisation work for the 4th HKG.

5. By making reference to the experience gained in the 3rd HKG and the views and recommendations put forward by various sectors of the community, the OC will draw up the sports events, competition format, eligibility requirements for athletes, selection mechanism and so forth for the coming HKG in the first half of 2012 so that the 18 DCs can have sufficient time to select suitable athletes in their districts for participation in the 4th HKG to be held in 2013. The OC will also develop comprehensive strategies for the publicity and public participation programmes for the 4th HKG.

Presentation

6. Members are invited to note this paper and nominate two representatives to serve as members of the 4th HKGOC.

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Structure of the 4th Hong Kong Games Organising Committee

Honorary Patron:	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, GBS, 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 William TONG Wai-lun, MH Chairman of the Community Sports Committee
Vice Chairmen:	Mr David YIP Wing-shing, BBS, MH, JP Vice Chairman of the Community Sports Committee
	Mr Bobby CHENG Kam-wing, JP Deputy Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Leisure Services)
Executive Adviser:	Mr CHAU How-chen, GBS, JP
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 4th Hong Kong Games
	Miss Olivia CHAN Yeuk-oi Assistant Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Leisure Services)

Mr Benjamin MOK Kwan-yu
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