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Question:

It is mentioned in Matters Requiring Special Attention in 2023-24 that the Government will take forward the preparation of the 2025 National Games of the People's Republic of China. In this connection, would the Government inform this Committee of the following:

1. What is the related preparatory work?
2. What are the expenditure and manpower arrangements involved?
3. How to take forward the promotion of the National Games? Will the Government work with other parts of the Greater Bay Area to take forward the project? What are the details?

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Reply:

1. Regarding the hosting of the 15th National Games by Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao, the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government has been in close liaison and commenced advance preparatory work with the General Administration of Sport of China (GASC), the People's Government of Guangdong Province and the Macao Special Administrative Region Government. The Government has applied to host some events in Hong Kong, taking into account various factors such as the existing sports facilities in Hong Kong and the soon-to-be-commissioned Kai Tak Sports Park, the experience and capability of Hong Kong in hosting the relevant events, the popularity of the events and the competitiveness of Hong Kong athletes. While the GASC and the governments of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao have exchanged views, the division of work of the events is yet to be decided at this stage.
2. & 3. The Government intends to set up the National Games Preparatory Office in the second quarter of 2023 and plans to create related time-limited civil service posts to undertake the advance preparatory work. At present, the division of work among

the governments of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao is yet to be decided. Relevant estimated expenditure and publicity work are also yet to be worked out.

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