

COMMUNITY SPORTS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the 22nd Meeting of the Community Sports Committee

Date: 23 June 2010 (Wednesday)
Time: 10:30 am
Venue: Conference Room I, Home Affairs Bureau, 41/F, Revenue Tower,
5 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong

Present: Mr CHAU How-chen (Chairman)
Mr TONG Wai-lun (Vice-chairman)
Mr Daniel CHAM Ka-hung
Mr Henry CHAN Chi-chiu
Mr CHENG Shu-ming
Mr Alan CHOW Yiu-ming
Mr James KONG Tze-wing
Mr LAM Hong-wah
Mrs Stella LAU KUN Lai-kuen
Mr Philip LI Wing-kuen
Mr LIU Ah-chuen
Dr LO Wing-lok
Mr Lawrence LO Wing-man
Prof Stephen WONG Heung-sang
Mrs Cecilia WONG LAM Siu-ling
Dr Simon YEUNG Sai-mo
Mr George YIP Chi-wai
Prof LEUNG Mee-lee

Department Representatives in Regular Attendance

Ms Olivia CHAN Yeuk-oi	(Representative from Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Mr Benjamin MOK Kwan-yu	(Representative from Home Affairs Bureau)
Dr Regina CHING Cheuk-tuen	(Representative from Department of Health)
Mr LAI Yiu-keung	(Representative from Education Bureau)
Ms Olivia YIP Wai-ling	(Representative from Social Welfare Department)
Ms Iris YICK Pui-yin	(Representative from Home Affairs Department)

Absent with Apologies

Prof CHEUNG Siu-yin
Mr FUNG Kwong-chung
Mr Raphael TONG Tai-wai

In Attendance

Mrs Betty FUNG CHING Suk-yea (Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Mr Bobby CHENG Kam-wing (Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Ms LAM Sau-ha (Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Ms Rebecca LOU Wai-yi (Leisure and Cultural Services Department)

Secretary

Ms LOK Kit-ha (Leisure and Cultural Services Department)

Opening Remarks

1.1 The Chairman welcomed all Members and representatives from various government departments to the meeting.

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

2.1 The draft minutes of the 21st meeting were faxed to Members for comment on 16 April by the Secretariat and hitherto proposed amendments from Mr Philip LI and the Education Bureau (EDB) were received. The amended draft minutes were faxed to Members on 17 June. The Chairman asked Members to refer to the proposed amendments tabled at the meeting. As no further amendment was proposed at the meeting, the Chairman announced that the minutes of the 21st meeting were endorsed.

Item 2: Matters Arising

(i) Report on the Follow-up Action Plan on Study on Sport for All – the Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activities

3.1 The Chairman invited Ms LOK Kit-ha of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to report the progress of the Follow-up Action Plan on Study on Sport for All – the Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activities.

3.2 Ms LOK Kit-ha of the LCSD reported that while the promotion work of Phase I was being followed up on, the work of Phase II emphasising “services” had started.

Regarding promotion work, TV APIs had been produced for broadcasting on various TV channels and RoadShow after the press conference of “Sport For All Day” held on 2 July to widely disseminate the message of participation in sports and other physical activities. Each District Council (DC) had been invited to nominate two “Sports Ambassadors” to assist in the promotion work of Sport for All at the community level. The “Know your Physical Activity Level” booklet and posters promoting physical activities had also been produced. As regards the enhancement of services, the LCSD would launch new parent-child activities, such as parent-child badminton, social dance and ultimate, in August for parents and children to participate together. Besides, “Sport for All Carnival” would again be organised this year in 18 districts across the territory and “Sport For All Day” would be held on 8 August.

3.3 The newly produced TV APIs in English and Chinese were run in the meeting. Ms LOK Kit-ha said that the relevant TV APIs consisted of two different versions, the one broadcast before 8 August aimed at enlisting public support for the “Sport For All Day” held on 8 August while the one broadcast afterwards aimed at encouraging public participation in physical activities.

3.4 Ms LAM Sau-ha of the LCSD reported that the Student Sports Activities Co-ordinating Sub-Committee (SSACS) of the new term had held its first meeting on 16 April during which its terms of reference were reviewed. She provided the proposed terms of reference in the meeting for Members’ reference. Since the scope of service of the SSACS would extend to kindergartens, the SSACS suggested inviting a representative of kindergartens to join the SSACS and give opinions on the relevant fields. After consulting the EDB, the LCSD had sent an invitation letter to the representative of the principals of kindergartens inviting her to attend the next meeting of the SSACS, pending her reply at the moment.

(ii) Report of Advisory Committee on the Healthy Exercise for All Campaign – Physical Fitness Test for the Community 2010

4.1 The Chairman invited Dr LO Wing-lok, the Convenor of the Advisory Committee for the Physical Fitness Test for the Community 2010 (the Advisory Committee) to report the progress of the work of the Physical Fitness Test for the Community 2010 (the Physical Fitness Test).

4.2 Dr LO Wing-lok reported that the Advisory Committee had held two meetings. The first one held on 31 May mainly focused on discussing the implementation of the first Physical Fitness Test for the refinement of the current test. As the Advisory Committee suggested collecting more opinions from professionals in the academic sector,

the second meeting was held with academics on 15 June to discuss in detail the sampling method of the Physical Fitness Test with a view to enhancing the representativeness of the samples. Summarising the opinions of academics and members, the Advisory Committee suggested adopting random sampling in the Physical Fitness Test to reflect the actual situation in Hong Kong. Dr LO said that the EDB would conduct the “Survey Study of Students’ Physical Fitness and Their Attitudes towards Physical Education” (the Survey Study) in local primary schools. The Advisory Committee thus suggested including the test items for the relevant children’s group (aged 7 to 12) of the Physical Fitness Test in the fields of study in EDB’s Survey Study for effective and efficient collection of samples of that age group. As for the Physical Fitness Test on other age groups, samples would be collected by means of household survey.

Item 3: Report of the 3rd Hong Kong Games Organising Committee (CSC Paper 4/10)

5.1 The 3rd Hong Kong Games (HKG) would be held from May to June 2011. In order to allow sufficient time for organising the 3rd HKG and launching various publicity campaigns, the 3rd HKG Organising Committee (OC) was formed in March 2010 and specially tasked with organising the 3rd HKG. The Chairman invited Ms Rebecca LOU, Secretary General of the OC, to brief members on CSC Paper 4/10.

5.2 Ms Rebecca LOU briefed Members on CSC Paper 4/10. The Chairman invited Members to give their views on the paper.

5.3 Members gave their views on the paper. Their views and responses were summarised as follows:

- (a) Mr LAM Hong-wah said that after the Launching Ceremony of the 3rd HKG, some views were received from several local dignitaries and representatives of the sports sector about why futsal competition instead of 11-a-side soccer competition would be held. Currently, District Councils (DCs) gave funding support to promote 11-a-side soccer and futsal was not popular in Hong Kong. It was suggested that the OC should consider organising 11-a-side soccer competition in the future to help promote football development in Hong Kong.
- (b) Ms Olivia CHAN of the LCSD replied that the OC and the Standing Committee (SC) had held detailed discussion about the suggestions on whether futsal or 11-a-side soccer competition should be held. After careful consideration about the current venue arrangement, difficulties in

forming 11-a-side soccer teams at the district level where only residents of the same district were eligible to join the respective district teams and views of the Hong Kong Football Association (HKFA), the OC decided that futsal competition would be organised in the 3rd HKG. She said that futsal was also a starting point for the HKFA to develop local football. As it was the first time for the HKG to organise football events, organising futsal competition would be relatively easy in terms of venue arrangement or formation of district football teams. This could also tie in with the current development direction of the HKFA. She said that the LCSD would continue to provide more third generation artificial turf pitches until district football fully developed and venue supply was able to meet the need in the future. The long-term objective was that the HKG could organise 11-a-side soccer competition in the future.

- (c) The Chairman said that futsal was internationally recognised and the HKFA also suggested that the OC could first organise futsal competition. The option of organising 11-a-side soccer competition would be re-considered in the future when and where necessary.
- (d) Mr Philip LI said that currently, only residents holding valid Hong Kong Identity Cards and having resided in Hong Kong for three years or above were eligible to join the HKG. Consequently, new arrivals could not participate in the HKG. As the living conditions of new arrivals were comparatively poor, there was doubt as to whether such an arrangement would cause more social problems and deprive new arrivals of the rights to participate in the competition. He was of the view that the HKG aimed to promote Sport for All. He suggested removing the requirement of residency in Hong Kong for three years or above in the future.
- (e) Ms Rebecca LOU of the LCSD replied that after new arrivals settled in Hong Kong, they would still have opportunities to participate in forthcoming HKGs. Ms Olivia CHAN of the LCSD added that detailed discussion about the eligibility requirements of athletes had been held in the previous two HKGs. In the 1st HKG, only Hong Kong permanent residents were eligible to join. Since the number of new arrivals had been on the rise, the requirement was relaxed in the 2nd HKG where holders of Hong Kong Identity Cards who had resided in Hong Kong for three years or above were eligible to join. It was hoped that new

arrivals could represent their respective districts to participate in the HKG after integrating into the community. She said that the OC would collect views from various sectors after the 3rd HKG in order to further review and improve arrangements of the next HKG.

- (f) Mr Henry CHAN welcomed the inclusion of football events, hoping that organising HKGs would achieve the aim of encouraging public participation. He said that the crucial point was to attract wider participation, regardless of whether futsal or 11-a-side soccer competition was to be held. He quoted the experience of Tai Po Football Team which enjoyed support from Tai Po residents for Members' reference. He hoped that various publicity and public relations programmes of the HKG could attract more people to actively participate in and support the HKG. Besides, he was of the view that the competition would become more appealing to spectators if elite athletes were allowed to join. This would also give them opportunities to demonstrate their skills and strengths, thus attracting wider and more active participation in the HKG.
- (g) Prof LEUNG Mee-lee remarked that in sociology or sports sociology, participation in sports was the best way to socialise. As most of the new arrivals were disadvantaged, they should be given opportunities to participate in the HKG as soon as possible for their early intergration into society.
- (h) Mr Daniel CHAM agreed that organising futsal competition was a feasible option under the venue constraints and believed that DCs would welcome the organisation of football events. In order to achieve the objective of organising 11-a-side soccer competition, he suggested that the LCSO could convert more pitches into artificial turf pitches to increase the number of sessions available in each pitch. He said that a number of pitches in various districts could be converted into artificial turf pitches. He cited Yuen Long as an example. The DC could convert the pitches in the district into artificial turf pitches with funding for minor works, but he hoped that the LCSO would undertake the management of the pitches in the future or allow the DC to hire a management company in order to increase the number of artificial turf pitches. Besides, he suggested that details of the Cheering Team Competition for the 18 Districts be provided for DCs as soon as possible, so that follow-up action could be taken accordingly.

- (i) Mrs Betty FUNG, Director of Leisure and Cultural Services, replied that 11-a-side soccer competition could not be held in this HKG because of shortage of venues. She said that the report of a consultancy study on football development published earlier recommended that the LCSD should substantially increase the number of artificial turf soccer pitches in the next five years. Currently, the LCSD provided 11 artificial turf soccer pitches. There were already concrete plans to increase the number of artificial turf pitches to 29 by construction or conversion. The Department would strive further to meet its target of 34 in five years' time. When there were adequate 11-a-side soccer pitches in all districts to meet the training needs and demand for competition venues of the participating teams of the HKG, this would mean that 11-a-side soccer competition could be readily organised. She said that only 60 sessions were available in a natural turf pitch per month, while 270 sessions were available in an artificial turf pitch, which could facilitate the promotion of 11-a-side soccer competition. The LCSD would strive towards this direction.
- (j) The Chairman replied that previous Cheering Team Competitions had enjoyed tremendous support from DCs. As the competition time was too short, it was suggested that the Cheering Team Competition be formalised this year. Ms Olivia CHAN of the LCSD added that due to time constraints in previous opening ceremonies, only 45 seconds had been allocated to each district for their performance, thus wasting their efforts in preparing for the Cheering Competition. Therefore, it was suggested that the Cheering Team Competition be organised separately this time. The winning team would also be invited to perform in the opening ceremony to attract wider public participation. Besides, she said that the LCSD would provide 18 DCs with details of the Cheering Team Competition as soon as possible to facilitate their early formation of cheering teams.
- (k) Dr Simon YEUNG said that the eight competition events of the current HKG were mainly suitable for young people. In order to achieve the objective of participation by the whole community, it was hoped that events for different age groups, such as Tai Chi, be organised to increase the number of participants. Besides, 24 training hours would be provided in this HKG, which was more than the six hours provided in the last HKG. He suggested that the 24 training hours might be used to train not only selected athletes, but also the general public in the districts

so as to increase the number of participants.

- (l) The Chairman said that apart from the current eight competition events, demonstrations on other sports would also be considered. The OC and the SC would thoroughly discuss the relevant arrangement with the LCSD in due course.

- (m) Mr George YIP said that the HKG aimed at promoting Sport for All, so there should be no restriction on participation, or no restriction on non-elite athletes or residency in Hong Kong for three years or above should be imposed. He suggested that the objective of the HKG be clearly specified, that is, whether it was a territory-wide games or a territory-wide games for all. This in turn would help to determine the eligibility of athletes in the future.

- (n) Mr LAI Yiu-keung of the EDB added that whether futsal or 11-a-side soccer competition should be organised had been thoroughly discussed in the last meeting. As the HKG was scheduled for May and June, preliminary rounds would be held in April. If 11-a-side soccer competition was to be organised, as the competition time was longer and competition had to be held on Sundays, preliminary rounds should have been held earlier in February or March, which would be too close to the competition schedules of the academic sector. There were concerns that student athletes were unable to take part in both events. Therefore, it was suggested that indoor futsal competition which would not be affected by weather nor venue conditions should be organised. He agreed that it would be more desirable for 11-a-side soccer competition to be organised when time and venue permitted in the future. Besides, he said that cheering team competition was a common competitive event in other countries. Athletes had to undergo training for a long period of time. Currently, cheering teams were set up in every school and focused mainly on dancing, which did not conform to the mode of an international competitive event. Moreover, as some of the athletes participating in the HKG were young, he asked whether the HKG had any health declaration mechanism, such as the requirement of filling in the Physical Activity Readiness Questionnaire.

- (o) Ms Rebecca LOU of the LCSD replied that all participating athletes of the HKG were required to submit health declarations together with their enrolment forms. If the participants were under the age of 18, their

parents or guardians were required to sign a declaration to confirm that the participants were fit for the relevant competitions.

- (p) Mr Henry CHAN added that 11-a-side soccer competition might be organised with reference to the mode of the third division league in the 18 districts and the competition might be stretched throughout the year to avoid being affected by the competition schedules of the academic sector. Sports associations in the 18 districts also had football teams. It was hoped that wider public participation would be attracted through the HKG so as to promote football development.

5.4 The Chairman thanked Members for their views, which would be referred to the 3rd HKG OC for thorough consideration.

Item 4: Proposal on Sport For All Day (CSC Paper 5/10)

6.1 In support of the National Fitness Day and further promotion of Sport for All in the community, the LCSD would organise the Sport For All Day on 8 August. The Chairman invited Ms LOK Kit-ha of the LCSD to brief Members on CSC Paper 5/10.

6.2 Ms LOK Kit-ha of the LCSD briefed Members on CSC Paper 5/10. The Chairman invited Members to give their views on the paper.

6.3 Members gave their views on the paper. Their views and responses were summarised as follows:

- (a) Mr Henry CHAN said that our country designated 8 August as a commemoration day for the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games. He was of the view that the Sport For All Day was a meaningful event. Tai Po District Council was actively planning the activities on that day with the LCSD. From 10 am to 7 pm, various activities would be organised for the public. He hoped that the event would be organised on a continuous basis and different themes be adopted each year. Besides, he suggested that DCs and non-government organisations could take the initiative in organising different types of activities, so as to attract wider public participation.
- (b) Dr Simon YEUNG was of the view that the Sport For All Day deserved support and believed that the event would be organised on an annual and continuous basis. Therefore, he suggested formulating some indicators

to assess the effectiveness of the event every year and focusing on one particular sport every year, so as to encourage more people to participate actively in sports and achieve the objective of promoting physical and mental health.

- (c) Ms Olivia CHAN of the LCSD said that the National Fitness Regulations promulgated by the State Council designated 8 August of each year as the National Fitness Day for the commemoration of the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games. Although the Regulations were not directly applicable to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, in order to promote national fitness, the LCSD planned to organise activities to promote national fitness on an annual and continuous basis and would consider formulating different themes every year. She said that the current event aimed at encouraging inactive members of the public to take part in physical activities by making reference to the “baseline indicator” as a starting point, in response to the recommendations of the Study. Besides, in order to encourage district bodies to take the initiative in organising different types of activities, the LCSD would write to DCs, district sports associations, national sports associations and private physical fitness organisations to encourage them to make corresponding arrangements on that day, such as organising different types of recreation and sports activities or opening their venues and facilities to the public in support of the Sport For All Day.
- (d) Mr Daniel CHAM was of the view that publicity was very important. He suggested that the Chief Executive, all Secretaries and Bureau Heads be invited to participate together so as to enhance publicity and that schools be encouraged to organise activities for student participation on that day. Besides, he reflected that due to time constraints, DCs had difficulties in organising corresponding activities on the day of event. He suggested that the DCs be informed earlier in the future, so that they would earmark funding for the relevant work.
- (e) Mr LAI Yiu-keung said the World Health Organization currently suggested promoting physical activities. Members of the public should be encouraged to take personal responsibility of their health. Apart from doing exercise, participation in other physical activities was also beneficial to health. Besides, he remarked that 8 August fell on the school summer vacation. Due to time constraints, the EDB could not issue any notice in this respect. It was hoped that they would be

informed of the relevant arrangements as soon as possible in the future.

- (f) Ms Olivia CHAN of the LCSD said that the various arrangements would be finalised as soon as possible in the future. She also remarked that the LCSD had been encouraging participation in sports and other physical activities. Ms LOK Kit-ha added that she had just attended the 13th World Sport for All Congress in Finland. Promotion of physical activities had become an international trend, which happened to be consistent with the findings of our recent study. The LCSD would continue to encourage participation in sports and other physical activities.
- (g) Ms LAM Sau-ha of the LCSD added that before every summer vacation, the LCSD would remind and urge students in the School Sports Programme Prize Presentation Ceremony to sustain their active participation in sports activities under the Summer Active Challenge during the summer vacation. If the hours of activities conducted reached a specific target, their performance would be recognised and relevant awards be given. This year, the Prize Presentation Ceremony was scheduled for 9 July at Shek Kip Mei Park Sports Centre.

6.4 The Chairman thanked Members for their valuable views.

Item 5: Any Other Business

Hong Kong and Shanghai Summer Sports Camp for Youth 2010

7.1 The Chairman invited Ms LAM Sau-ha of the LCSD to report on the Hong Kong and Shanghai Summer Sports Camp for Youth 2010.

7.2 Ms LAM Sau-ha of the LCSD reported that the Hong Kong and Shanghai Summer Sports Camp for Youth, first held in 2004, was hosted in turn by Hong Kong and Shanghai. In 2009, due to the spread of human swine influenza in the community, the activity was postponed to this year. This year's Camp would be held between 16 and 20 August at the Oriental Land in Shanghai. Participants would receive basketball, tennis and handball training and visit Shanghai Expo. To enhance the feeder programmes of the relevant NSAs, all participants of the Camp were regional squad members of the NSAs as the Camp would provide an opportunity for them to pit skills with athletes from other places. She said that there would be 42 participants aged 11 to 15. Together with accompanying coaches and staff, the total number of participants was 53. The LCSD would organise a pre-camp briefing to introduce to participants and their parents in detail

the arrangement of the activity on 30 July. In accordance with past arrangement, she invited the CSC to nominate two Members as the Head of Delegation and Deputy Head of Delegation who would lead the delegation to the Camp.

7.3 The Chairman suggested inviting Mr TONG Wai-lun, the Vice-chairman and Mr LIU Ah-chuen, the Convenor of the SSACS to be the Head of Delegation and Deputy Head of Delegation of the Camp respectively. Members had no objections. Mr TONG and Mr LIU accepted the invitation.

7.4 Prof LEUNG Mee-lee said that she had been a Member since the establishment of the CSC. Members had been actively providing valuable opinions for the LCSD and the LCSD had made great improvement. In addition to organising various kinds of activities for the public on its own initiative, its publicity campaigns were also creative. In this regard, the LCSD deserved the CSC's commendation.

7.5 Mrs Betty FUNG, Director of Leisure and Cultural Services thanked Prof LEUNG Mee-lee for her compliment to the LCSD. She said that colleagues of the LCSD would continue to keep an open mind and heed the views of the public and Members, with a view to further improving various services. She was also very grateful to Members for giving valuable opinions on the promotion of Sport for All, which helped the LCSD further promote Sport for All in the community.

Date of Next Meeting

8.1 The Chairman thanked Members for attending the meeting. The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for 15 September. He hoped that Members would reserve time to attend the meeting.

Adjournment of Meeting

9.1 The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.

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