

COMMUNITY SPORTS COMMITTEE
Minutes of the 51st Meeting of the Community Sports Committee

Date: 18 May 2022 (Wednesday)
Time: 03:00 pm
Venue: Conference Room 401, 4/F, Leisure and Cultural Services Headquarters, 1-3 Pai Tau Street, Sha Tin, Hong Kong

Present: Mr David YIP Wing-shing (Chairman)
Prof Patrick YUNG Shu-hang (Vice Chairman)
Ms Joephy CHAN Wing-yan
Ms CHAN Yuen-ting
Mr CHAU Ngai-man
Mr Anson CHEUNG Ho-yin
Mr Langton CHEUNG Yung-pong
Mr CHU Ho-yin
Ms CHU Lai-ling
Dr Alberto CRUZ
Mr Eric FOK Kai-shan
Dr LEUNG Pak-yin
Dr Jim LUK
Ms MA Man-sum
Mr Jason MAK Tsz-shun
Prof Cindy SIT Hui-ping
Ms TSANG Tsz-lui
Ms Tina WONG Ting
Ms Annie WONG Hing-ye (Representative of the Education Bureau)
Dr Patrick CHONG Shing-kan (Representative of the Department of Health)
Mr Paul CHENG Ching-wan (Representative of the Home Affairs Bureau)
Mr Benjamin HUNG Tak-chuen (Representative of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department)

In Attendance

Mr Jacky LAM Chak-yu (Home Affairs Bureau)

Mr Vincent LIU Ming-kwong (Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Ms Ida LEE Bik-sai (Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Ms Lynn WONG Sau-yin (Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Ms Alice KONG Po-ye (Leisure and Cultural Services Department)

Ms Agnes LEE Shuk-ling	Department) (Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Mr Leo WONG Man-kin	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Mr Samuel FUNG Wai- kuen	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department) (Secretary)

Absent with Apologies

Mr LIN Chun-pong	
Mr WONG Po-kee	(Representative of Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China)

(Remarks: The Chairman, the Vice Chairman and the representatives of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) attended the meeting at the Venue in person, while other Members and representatives of various government departments took part in the meeting via video conferencing.)

Opening Remarks

1. The Chairman welcomed all Members and representatives of various government departments, including Mr CHAU Ngai-man, Mr CHU Ho-yin, Dr Jim LUK, Ms MA Man-sum and Mr Jason MAK Tsz-shun, who attended the meeting for the first time, to the 51st meeting of the Community Sports Committee (CSC) held by video conferencing. The Chairman expressed gratitude to five former Members, namely Mr Patrick CHAN, Mr CHEUNG Ki-tang, Dr HON Sze-sze, Dr Daniel LEE Chi-wo and Mr WONG Wai-shun, for their past contributions to the CSC. He then welcomed Ms Lynn WONG Sau-yin, Chief Leisure Manager (Sports Development) and the representative of the LCSD, who attended the meeting for the first time.

2. The Chairman said that the Secretariat had earlier emailed the meeting papers to Members for reference. If Members had any direct or indirect pecuniary interests relating to any agenda item to be discussed, they should declare to the CSC before deliberation of that agenda item. The interests declared by Members would be put in the minutes of the meeting.

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

3. The draft minutes of the 50th meeting were emailed to Members for perusal on 7 December 2021 by the Secretariat. The Secretariat received proposed amendments to paragraph 25 of the minutes of the meeting from Ms Annie WONG Hing-ye, the representative of the Education Bureau (EDB).

The amended minutes of the meeting were emailed to Members for information on 18 December 2021. Since no further amendment was proposed at the meeting, the Chairman announced confirmation of the minutes of the 50th meeting.

Item 2: Matters Arising

4. The Chairman reported that there were no matters arising from the previous meeting and that the meeting would move on to Item 3 on the agenda.

Item 3: Proposal on Sport For All Day 2022 (CSC Paper 01/22)

5. The Chairman invited Mr Samuel FUNG Wai-kuen of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to brief on the Proposal on Sport For All Day (SFAD) 2022 in CSC Paper 01/22 with the aid of PowerPoint.

6. Mr FUNG briefed on the activities of SFAD 2022 in CSC Paper 01/22.

7. Mr Benjamin HUNG Tak-chuen added that SFAD 2022 was one of the events to celebrate the 25th anniversary (25A) of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. In addition to launching publicity campaigns as in the past, the LCSD would also advertise the event in a variety of ways as part of the publicity efforts of the 25A celebratory activities.

8. The Chairman thanked Mr FUNG and Mr HUNG for their reports. There being no other questions, the Meeting moved on to Item 4 on the agenda.

Item 4: Report of the 8th Hong Kong Games Organising Committee (CSC Paper 02/22)

9. The Chairman expressed that the Secretariat of the 8th Hong Kong Games (HKG) Organising Committee (OC) had been actively working on preparation of the HKG in view of the development of the COVID-19 epidemic, with an aim of hosting the HKG amid the epidemic in a safe and smooth manner. That said, given that the twists and turns of the epidemic posed uncertainties to the preparation efforts in organising the 8th HKG, members of both the OC and the Standing Committee, upon deliberation, had agreed at their joint meeting on 1 April 2022 to suspend the 8th HKG and draw conclusion about the various arrangements for the 8th HKG. The Chairman invited Ms Alice KONG Po-ye of the LCSD to brief on the Report of the 8th HKG OC (CSC Paper 02/22) with the aid of PowerPoint.

10. Ms KONG briefed on the content of the Report of the 8th HKG OC (CSC Paper 02/22) with the aid of PowerPoint.

11. The Chairman thanked Ms KONG for her briefing. He indicated that

given the uncertainties hanging over the COVID-19 epidemic, it would be inevitable to reach the decision to suspend the 8th HKG. The Chairman thanked all colleagues concerned for the great efforts in actively working on the various preparations in response to the development of the epidemic. There being no further comments, the Meeting moved on to Item 5 on the agenda.

Item 5: Any Other Business

(i) Report of the Territory-wide Physical Fitness Survey for the Community Advisory Committee

12. The Chairman invited Dr LEUNG Pak-yin, the convenor of the Territory-wide Physical Fitness Survey for the Community Advisory Committee (the Advisory Committee), to report on the progress of the Territory-wide Physical Fitness Survey for the Community (the Survey).

13. In reporting the progress of the Survey, Dr LEUNG remarked that the Advisory Committee's 7th meeting had been held on 4 January 2022. He reported that data collation of the Survey had commenced in early August 2021. As at 31 December 2021, a total of 3 487 sets of valid data had been collated during the 66 surveys conducted by the Secretariat, in collaboration with 49 social and welfare organisations, companies and groups. At the meeting, members also reviewed the progress of the Survey while discussing the proposal of inviting target cohorts for subsequent surveys, with an aim of achieving the target of 8 500 sets of data. The Department encountered difficulties in carrying out the Survey owing to the epidemic. Members agreed to make adjustments to the work schedule concerned, with the target publication date of the results of the Survey in the fourth quarter of 2022 remaining unchanged.

14. Meanwhile, the Secretariat received 516 sets of data regarding the tests received by the age cohort between 12 and 16 from the EDB. After taking account of the 3 487 sets of data obtained by the Secretariat, 47 per cent of the target of 8 500 has now been achieved. Amid the fifth wave of the epidemic, data collation was suspended due to temporary closure of recreation and sports venues from January till late April this year. The progress of data collation of the entire Survey will be further delayed, hence compromising the conclusion of the Survey. The Secretariat will play catch-up upon reopening of such venues.

15. The Chairman thanked Dr LEUNG for his report. There being no other questions, the Meeting moved on to the next AOB item.

(ii) Hong Kong and Shanghai Summer Sports Camp for Youth 2022

16. The Chairman invited Ms Lynn WONG of the LCSD to report the latest development of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Summer Sports Camp for Youth 2022 (the Camp).

17. Ms Lynn WONG expressed that the Camp, one of the initiatives under the Sports Exchange and Co-operation Programme Agreement (the Agreement) signed between the Home Affairs Bureau of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and the Shanghai Sports Bureau in 2004, aimed at promoting sports exchange between the youth of the two cities through summer camp activities. Since 2005, Hong Kong and Shanghai have been taking turns to host this event. The 2020 Camp, originally scheduled to be held in August 2020 in Huangpu District, Shanghai, was postponed to the summer of 2022 based upon agreement by both sides due to the persistent epidemic situation in 2020 and 2021. Given that the epidemic situation has not yet stabilised in the two cities, the Department and the Shanghai Youth Training Management Centre under the Shanghai Sports Bureau planned to make a final assessment in late May before deciding whether the Camp should be held this year as scheduled or be further postponed for another year. The Department would keep contact with the staff of the Shanghai Youth Training Management Centre for follow-up arrangements.

(Post-meeting note: Given that the epidemic situation has not yet stabilised, both the LCSD and the Shanghai Youth Training Management Centre agreed further postponement of the Camp to the summer of 2023.)

18. Mr Eric FOK Kai-shan remarked that such sports exchange programmes were well-received in Hong Kong and on the Mainland. In addition, he believed that, since the 2025 National Games was scheduled to be held in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao region, Hong Kong would then have a more robust infrastructure to support the event. Given this, Mr FOK proposed the relevant authorities to consider hosting sports exchange programmes of similar nature, with young people as the target cohort, in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area (the Greater Bay Area).

19. Ms WONG indicated that in addition to the programmes offered under the above Agreement, the relevant authorities had organised exchange programmes of similar natures across provinces and cities on the Mainland. Noting the proposal made by Mr Eric FOK Kai-shan, the Department would explore the feasibility of holding such exchange programmes in the Greater Bay Area.

20. Ms Alice KONG added that the LCSD had organised sports exchange activities involving Guangdong Province, Macao and Hong Kong, including youth basketball and football events, which had been cancelled over the past two years due to the epidemic. The LCSD was now in close liaison with the relevant parties in the three locations to review the situation in a timely manner, in preparation for resumption of such sports exchange activities.

21. Mr Eric FOK enquired about the availability of details regarding the

sports exchange activities concerned.

22. Ms Alice KONG remarked that the relevant details would be provided to Members for reference by the Secretariat after the meeting.

(Post-meeting note: The Secretariat had emailed the background information on the sports exchange activities involving Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao to Members for reference on 25 May 2022.)

23. The Chairman thanked Mr Eric FOK for his views and the representatives of the LCSD for their responses. The relevant parties took note and would look into the proposals in detail.

(iii) Election of the Vice-convenor for the Student Sports Activities Co-ordinating Sub-committee and appeal to Members of the CSC to join the Sub-committee

24. The Chairman expressed that the Student Sports Activities Co-ordinating Sub-committee (SSACS) was set up under the CSC with the sports promotion in schools as its main business. Its membership comprised Members of the CSC, and representatives from school councils and relevant government departments. Given that Mr Daniel LEE Chi-wo, Vice-convenor of the last SSACS, retired from the CSC upon expiry of term of office in December 2021, it became necessary to elect a new Vice-convenor. The candidates for the post of Vice-convenor were to be nominated and elected by Members of the CSC. Professor Cindy SIT Hui-ping was recommended by Members to take up the post. The Chairman remarked that Ms SIT, currently a professor at the Department of Sports Science and Physical Education, Faculty of Education, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, joined the CSC in 2021. For years, she had been actively participating in community affairs. With rich experience in education and sports, she would definitely be able to lead the SSACS in further promoting school sports development. Members endorsed the recommended nomination of Ms SIT, who expressed gratitude to Members at the meeting and gladly accepted the nomination. The Chairman announced the appointment of Professor Cindy SIT as Vice-convenor of the SSACS. Furthermore, the Chairman invited Members who were interested in joining the SSACS to return the reply slip to the Secretariat after the meeting. Members noted the arrangement.

Adjournment of Meeting

25. The Chairman thanked again the colleagues of the LCSD for their dedicated efforts in organising the 8th HKG in promotion of the “Sports for All” culture in the community, thereby encouraging active public participation in sports activities, as well as enhancing cohesion in the community.

26. The Chairman thanked Members for attending the meeting. The Secretariat would inform Members of the date of the next meeting in due course.

27. The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Note: No declaration about conflicts of interests was received from Members during the meeting.

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