

COMMUNITY SPORTS COMMITTEE

Joint-venture with Summer Youth Programme Committee

PURPOSE

This purpose of this paper is to seek members' views on a proposed joint-venture with the Summer Youth Programme (SYP) Committee in organizing sports and recreational activities for the youth in the summer of 2006.

BACKGROUND

2. Out of the visions of the Sports Commission is to promote and develop a strong sporting culture in the community. To realize this vision, the Community Sports Committee (CSC) is tasked with the role to promote "Sports for All". To promote mass sports, it is our consensus that we should start with the young people, particularly students.

3. Student sports services have been provided inside the education system. To carry students through their schools days so that they can engage more in sports, it is proposed that CSC cooperate with the SYP Committee in organizing sports and recreational activities for them in summer time.

4. The SYP Committee was set up in 1969, with funding from the Hong Kong Jockey Club (HKJC) for organizing summer activities for the youth. Every year, the SYP Committee will co-ordinate and organize programmes and community services for the SYP. The Committee will adopt different themes in each year to instill to the youth various ideals and values. Themes for the past 3 years and the types of activities in 2005 are at **Annex A** and **Annex B** respectively.

5. These activities attracted a large no. of young people and were well-received by all of the participants. Throughout the years, they have been widely publicized and they gained support from different sectors of the community, including schools, parents and the media. It is true that sports activities are included in the programmes, but our collaboration with the SYP Committee would surely bring in a clearer focus on sports, and the benefits derived from engaging in sports.

6. The main roles of the SYP Committee are to advise on the funding of the SYP, including recommending the financial support from the HKJC and the apportionment of funds and to co-ordinate and organize publicity campaigns of the SYP. Individual activities in different districts will be organized by the 18 SYP District Coordinating Committees.

7. In fact, our collaboration with the SYP Committee would not only achieved in delivering a clearer message on sports and its benefits, but also help in raising the profile of Community Sports Committee and expanding our network with other sectors in the community, thus, facilitating our future work on promoting mass sports. It will also set a model for our collaboration with other bodies and organizations, such as the Commission of Youth, etc.

8. The Chairman of both Committees and their respective Secretariats have some initial discussions on the collaboration. All are supported the suggestion.

RECOMMENDATION

9. To encourage the youth to engage more on sports activities and to strengthen co-operation with the SYP Committee in the promotion of sports activities for the youth, it is recommended that the CSC and SYP Committee should co-operate in the SYP 2006. The co-operation can take the following forms:-

- (a) to suggest to the SYP Committee for consideration the theme of the SYP 2006;

- (b) to recommend to the SYP Committee for the types of sports activities to be organized by the 18 SYP District Co-ordinating Committee; and
- (c) to participate the grand opening ceremony of the SYP 2006 and other related activities.

Some suggestions on the themes and the types of activities are listed at **Annex C** for members' consideration.

10. Subject to members agreement/support to the recommendation in Para 9 above, we will liaise with the SYP Committee Secretariat on the collaboration in greater details and will arrange for joint meetings to discuss the arrangement. Interested members are invited to sit on these meetings.

ADVICE SOUGHT

11. Members are invited to advise: -
- (a) whether the CSC should co-operate with the SYP Committee and participate in the SYP 2006 along the lines as stated in para. 9 above; and
 - (b) if (a) is affirmative, what are the proposed themes and types of activities to be put forward to SYP Committee for its consideration.

Community Sports Committee Secretariat
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