

CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY

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Head: (95) Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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Programme: (1) Recreation and Sports

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Director of Bureau: Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism

Question:

The Government has planned to continue strengthening the promotion of urban sports to encourage greater participation by young people and to identify and nurture junior athletes with relevant potential. In this connection, please inform this Committee of:

- 1) the specific types of urban sports that the Government will promote in the future and the estimated expenditure to be involved;
- 2) the number of facilities and venues currently available for conducting urban sports, and a list of their locations and attendances;
- 3) the details on the planned conversion works projects for urban sports facilities, as well as the estimated expenditure on and manpower requirement of such conversion.

Asked by: Hon CHEN Chung-nin, Rock (LegCo internal reference no.: 18)

Reply:

- 1) Under the Sports Subvention Scheme, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) will continue to provide subvention to the national sports associations (NSAs) promoting urban sports in 2024-25, including Basketball Association of Hong Kong, China; Football Association of Hong Kong, China; Hong Kong, China Mountaineering and Climbing Union; DanceSport Association of Hong Kong, China; and Hong Kong China Federation of Roller Sports and Skateboarding to organise events of 3-on-3 basketball, futsal, sport climbing, breaking and skateboarding. They will co-ordinate participation in overseas competitions and organise locally-hosted international events, sports training programmes, local competitions, as well as staff and referee training with respect to urban sports. Meanwhile, the LCSD plans to organise some 340 programmes covering urban sports, including such events in the 9th Hong Kong Games as futsal and 3-on-3 basketball competitions, as well as women's futsal, sport climbing, breaking and skateboarding which are featured in the Games as demonstration sports events. The estimated expenditure on the aforesaid programmes is about \$15.8 million.

In addition, under the Urban Sports Funding Scheme (funding scheme), the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau (CSTB) will, with the assistance of The Schools Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China, continue to provide direct funding to primary and secondary schools for organising urban sports training courses. It is anticipated that about 430 training courses will be held in the 2023/24 school year, providing about 8 000 students with an opportunity to take part in urban sports. In the meantime, the CSTB is liaising with the relevant NSAs and organisations to look into the promotion of the funding scheme outside schools. The estimated annual expenditure on the funding scheme is \$16 million.

- 2) At present, the facilities available for conducting urban sports under the LCSD include 13 indoor and outdoor sport climbing facilities, some 500 basketball courts, 8 skateboard grounds, 5 skateparks, over 190 dance rooms/multipurpose activity rooms and over 140 5-a-side soccer pitches. Please visit <https://www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/USP/facilities.html> for locations of these facilities. Among them, basketball courts, dance rooms/activity rooms, 5-a-side soccer pitches and skateparks are multipurpose facilities, and the LCSD is unable to provide a breakdown of the usage of such facilities for urban sports. Separately, the LCSD does not have information about the usage rates of skateboard grounds, which can be used without booking. As for indoor and outdoor sport climbing facilities, users of which must be trained and have obtained relevant certificates, their average usage rates in 2023 were 32% and 23% respectively.
- 3) It was announced in the 2023-24 Budget that the CSTB was examining the conversion of some floors of the Kwun Chung Municipal Services Building into an urban sports centre, so as to provide a suitable venue for activities such as sport climbing and skateboarding. The technical feasibility study of the conversion project is in progress. The Government will provide the details on estimated expenditure and implementation schedule, which have yet to be confirmed, when consulting the relevant Legislative Council panel and the Public Works Subcommittee and seeking funding approval from the Finance Committee.

In addition, the LCSD is launching various works projects to provide urban sports facilities. Details of the urban sports facility projects expected to be completed by 2024 are listed at **Annex**. As the construction or conversion of urban sports facilities forms part of the overall estimate of relevant projects, the LCSD does not have information about the expenditure on individual projects.

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**Works projects providing facilities for urban sports
expected to be completed by 2024**

Item	District	Project Title	Dedicated Venue	Multipurpose Venue	
			Skateboarding	3-on-3 Basketball (Note 1)	Breaking (Note 2)
1	Yau Tsim Mong	Open Space at Hoi Fan Road, Tai Kok Tsui	0	2	0
2	Yau Tsim Mong/ Kowloon City	Open Space at Hung Hom Waterfront	0	1	0
3	Wong Tai Sin	Re-provisioning of Portion of Ma Chai Hang Recreation Ground (a Shatin to Central Link project)	0	1	3
4	Tai Po	Ha Hang Village Playground in Area 31, Tai Po	0	1	0
5	North District	Re-provisioning of On Lok Mun Street Playground #	1	0	0

Note 1: Including indoor or outdoor basketball courts

Note 2: Including the arena, secondary hall or activity room

As the facilities of the skatepark will be upgraded to internationally accredited standard after the re-provisioning, this works project is included in this table.

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