

COMMUNITY SPORTS COMMITTEE
Minutes of the 52nd Meeting of the Community Sports Committee

Date: 24 November 2022 (Thursday)
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)
Mr Anson CHEUNG Ho-yin
Mr Eric FOK Kai-shan
Dr Alberto CRUZ
Mr LIN Chun-pong
Ms MA Man-sum
Prof Cindy SIT Hui-ping
Ms TSANG Tsz-lui
Ms Tina WONG Ting
Mr Benjamin HUNG Tak-chuen (Representative of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department)

Present via Video Conferencing: Ms Joephy CHAN Wing-yan

Ms CHAN Yuen-ting
Mr CHAU Ngai-man
Ms CHU Lai-ling
Dr Jim LUK
Mr Jason MAK Tsz-shun
Mr WONG Po-kee (Representative of Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China)
Ms Annie WONG Hing-yee (Representative of the Education Bureau)
Dr Joanna LEUNG Mei-hung (Representative of the Department of Health)
Mr Paul CHENG Ching-wan (Representative of the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau)
Mr Jacky LAM Chak-yu (Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau)

In Attendance

Mr Vincent LIU Ming-kwong (Leisure and Cultural Services Department)

Mr Horman CHAN Ming-cheong	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Ms Mimi LOK Mee-mee	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Ms Alice KONG Po-yee	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Ms Cary LAI Ka-wai	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Mr Leo WONG Man-kin	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department)
Ms Winly LEE Pui-yee	(Leisure and Cultural Services Department) (Secretary)

Absent with Apologies

Mr Langton CHEUNG Yung-pong
 Mr CHU Ho-yin
 Dr LEUNG Pak-yin

Opening Remarks

1. The Chairman welcomed all Members and representatives of various government departments, including Mr Horman CHAN Ming-cheong, Acting Deputy Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Leisure Services), Ms Winly LEE Pui-yee, the new secretary, Ms Mimi LOK Mee-mee, Chief Leisure Manager (Intelligent Booking Applications) of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) and Dr Joanna LEUNG Mei-hung, the representative of the Department of Health, who attended the meeting for the first time, to the meeting. The Chairman expressed gratitude to Mr Samuel FUNG Wai-kuen, the former secretary, for his contributions made towards the Community Sports Committee (CSC).

2. The Chairman sincerely congratulated Mr Eric FOK Kai-shan on his appointment as Justice of Peace in this year's announcement of the Honours List. He also thanked Mr FOK for his dedicated commitment and significant contributions to promoting community sports over the years.

3. Mr Vincent LIU Ming-kwong, the Director of the LCSD (DLCS), expressed gratitude to Members for their contributions to the CSC in active support of promoting community sports development. Over the past two years, the CSC has offered valuable views on various issues including "Sport For All Day", the 8th Hong Kong Games, "Hong Kong and Shanghai Summer Sports Camp for Youth" and "Territory-wide Physical Fitness Survey for the Community", in a bid to help the Government promote community sports development, as well as formulate long-term goals and policies for promotion of

sports for all. The DLCS also expressed gratitude to both Chairman David YIP Wing-shing and Vice Chairman Patrick YUNG Shu-hang, in particular, for their leadership over the years, as well as to Ms CHU Lai-ling, Mr Langton CHEUNG Yung-pong, Dr Alberto CRUZ, Mr LIN Chun-pong and Ms Tina WONG Ting for their active participation in and valuable comments made to the CSC over the past six years. He hoped that Members would continue to give their full support for the CSC's work.

4. The Chairman thanked the DLCS for his note of gratitude. He also sincerely thanked Vice Chairman YUNG, Ms CHU, Mr Langton CHEUNG, Dr CRUZ, Mr LIN and Ms Tina WONG on behalf of the CSC for their past contributions to the CSC.

5. The Chairman expressed 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 make a declaration regarding this to the CSC before deliberation of such an 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

6. The draft minutes of the 51st meeting were emailed to Members for perusal on 16 June 2022 by the Secretariat. The Secretariat received proposed amendments to the minutes of the meeting from the Former Home Affairs Bureau. The amended minutes of the meeting were emailed to Members for information on 10 August. Since no further amendment was proposed at the meeting, the Chairman announced confirmation of the minutes of the 51st meeting.

Item 2: Matters Arising - Report on Sport For All Day 2022 (CSC Paper 03/22)

7. The Chairman invited Ms Winly LEE Pui-yee of the LCSD to brief Members on the work related to Sport For All Day (SFAD) 2022 outlined in CSC Paper 03/22.

8. Ms LEE briefed on the content of CSC Paper 03/22 with the aid of PowerPoint.

9. The Chairman thanked Ms LEE for her briefing. He also thanked LCSD colleagues for their efforts in encouraging members of the public to do regular exercise amid the epidemic to keep good physical fitness. There being no other questions, the Meeting moved on to Item 3 on the agenda.

Item 3: Proposed New Regime for Booking and Allocating Recreation and Sports Facilities under the Management of the Leisure & Cultural Services Department (CSC Paper 04/22)

10. The Chairman invited Ms Mimi LOK Mee Mee of the LCSD to brief on the proposed new regime for booking and allocating recreation and sports facilities under the management of the LCSD in CSC Paper 04/22.

11. Ms LOK briefed on the content of CSC Paper 04/22 with the aid of PowerPoint. Members expressed support and endorsed such a new regime. Their key views and the LCSD's responses were consolidated as follows:

- (a) Ms Tina WONG Ting enquired if the LCSD would invite registered users of the Leisure Link via email to take a survey, and if the hiring arrangements of recreation and sports facilities by organisations would be applicable to those bookings made by individuals such as coaches as well.
- (b) Mr CHAU Ngai-man enquired if the current booking counter services would be discontinued, and if the new regime would be applicable to the enrolment applications in the LCSD's recreation and sports programme such as training courses as well. He suggested that the LCSD should consider soliciting assistance from national sports associations (NSAs) for the purpose of promoting the survey, with a view to canvassing the views of their members as well as of coaches and sports enthusiasts in the wider sporting community.
- (c) Mr Anson CHEUNG Ho-yin expressed that the recent launch of a new regime by the LCSD to curb suspected touting activities in the hiring of recreation and sports facilities was noted. He enquired if the LCSD had any data in hand indicating the effectiveness of such a regime. In addition, he enquired if the online questionnaires would require registration of telephone numbers for verification and avoidance of repeated entry of information, which would compromise the authenticity of the findings.
- (d) Mr LIN Chun-pong enquired if the new regime would have impacts on the hiring of recreation and sports facilities by schools for physical education classes, and if such organisations like schools would enjoy the priority in the booking of the facilities in question.
- (e) Ms LOK thanked Members for their views. Her responses were consolidated as follows:
 - (i) Given that the survey was targeted at members of the public instead of specific groups, the LCSD did not single registered users of the

Leisure Link out for invitation for the survey. To step up publicity of the survey, the LCSD disseminated the relevant information on its website, the “LCSD Pluss” Facebook page, social media platforms and at leisure venues, in a bid to encourage wider public participation. Meanwhile, the LCSD would indicate in the questionnaires whether the respondents were registered users of the Leisure Link for statistical purpose. The survey only covered bookings made by individual users instead of those made by organisations, which would normally be processed according to their priority. Ms LOK remarked that the online questionnaires did not require registration at all to avoid collection of excessive personal data, which would discourage the public from taking the survey. That said, to solicit views from the wider community, the LCSD, in addition to offering the public the option of online surveys, deployed its staff to invite hirers and users at the major leisure venues under its management to complete online questionnaires by QR code scanning with mobile phones.

- (ii) At the initial stage of launching the new system, the LCSD would deploy staff to promote and facilitate the public use of both the mobile app for new system and the smart self-service stations on-site for facility booking. Services of booking counters at the 18 District Leisure Services Offices would also be maintained to cater for users not ready for the full adoption of electronic platform. In addition to accepting facility booking requests, the new system would also serve to process enrolment applications in recreation and sports programmes and to allocate programme quotas by ballot. Ms LOK noted the views on promotion of the survey and would take follow-up action accordingly.
- (iii) Under the new regime to curb touting activities effective from 1 November 2022, “hirer who submits balloting application for turf soccer pitches must also fill in the Leisure Link Patron numbers of four users, while three of them, together with the hirer, must check in and be present during the use of the booked session”. No breaches had been identified so far. That told, the LCSD would continue to closely monitor the situation.
- (iv) The new regime was mainly targeted at those facility bookings made by individual users. No bookings made by such organisations like schools would be affected. Mr Horman CHAN Ming-cheong remarked that schools were the eligible organisations to make priority bookings. Unlike individual users, they could make priority bookings for the hire sessions within the class hours for the coming school year.

12. The Chairman thanked Members for their views and Ms LOK for her responses. There being no further comments, the Meeting moved on to Item 4 on the agenda.

Item 4: Any Other Business

(i) Introduction of “10 000 Steps a Day” Walking Challenge

13. The Chairman invited Dr Joanna LEUNG Mei-hung of the DH to brief on “10 000 Steps a Day” Walking Challenge with the aid of PowerPoint.

14. Dr LEUNG briefed on “10 000 Steps a Day” Walking Challenge with the aid of PowerPoint. Dr LEUNG remarked that with steering from the Task Group on Promotion of Physical Activities under the DH the activity aimed to promote walking in the community with the theme of “10 000 steps a day”. In this connection, the DH and the Occupational Safety and Health Council jointly organised the “10 000 Steps a Day” Walking Challenge in November 2022, with the slogan of “10 000 Steps for Health”, to raise public awareness of the health benefits of walking and to encourage members of the public to step up their physical activity to safeguard them from non-communicable diseases. Participants should use a mobile application to record their steps accumulated during the challenge period, with the data synchronised with the designated online platform of the activity. Individuals achieving an average of 8 000 steps per day (i.e. 80% of the daily step goal of 10 000) as well as top performing organisations would be awarded.

(ii) Progress Report on the Territory-wide Physical Fitness Survey for the Community

15. The Chairman invited Mr WONG Po-kee, the Vice-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).

16. Mr WONG expressed that following the Launching cum Charter Signing Ceremony on 30 June 2021, data collection for the Survey officially commenced in July 2021, with letters being sent to companies and organisations randomly selected to invite them to participate in the Survey. As at end of September 2022, a total of 8 683 sets of data were collected during the 96 surveys conducted by the Secretariat of the Advisory Committee in collaboration with 74 social and welfare organisations, companies and groups, as well as on 35 public test days, representing approximately 102% of the total samples. Upon a data classification by consultants, it was found that the data regarding specific age groups was underrepresented, and four additional test days for such age groups were therefore held in November, with a view to enhancing the data credibility

and effectiveness. Meanwhile, data analysis on those age groups with sufficient data commenced.

17. It was originally scheduled for the analysis on the data collected from 8 500 Hong Kong residents to be conducted for report compilation by March 2022, and subsequent release of the findings of the Survey in the fourth quarter of 2022. Owing to the development of the fifth wave of the epidemic in 2022, the data collection was suspended from January to April 2022, thereby disrupting the anticipated schedule for the Survey.

18. The Chairman thanked Mr WONG for his report. There being no other questions, the meeting moved on to the next AOB item.

(iii) Policy initiatives regarding promotion of sports development in the Chief Executive's 2022 Policy Address

19. The Chairman invited Mr Benjamin HUNG Tak-chuen of the LCSD to brief on the policy initiatives regarding promotion of sports development in the Chief Executive's 2022 Policy Address.

20. Mr HUNG remarked that the Government would implement a series of measures to further promote sports development, which included formulating a "10-year development blueprint for sports and recreation facilities" to provide diversified leisure and sports facilities in a sustainable manner; enhancing the "M" Mark System by exploring how to increase funding for events and relax the eligibility of applicants to support the hosting of more major international sports events in Hong Kong; working with the sports sector, schools and other organisations to promote urban sports introduced in the Olympic Games and the Youth Olympic Games, such as 3-on-3 basketball, breaking, skateboarding and sport climbing, so as to encourage participation of more young people; reviewing the format and events of the Hong Kong Games (HKG), for instance, by allowing age classes for specific sports events and introducing popular urban sports items, in a bid to organise more activities for the youth; providing more support for local professional clubs of team sports to facilitate their participation in major sports competitions in the Mainland and the region; launching a 5-year pilot programme on career and education for athletes with disabilities to equip them with the knowledge and skills necessary for transformation and development after retirement, and providing them with placement opportunities; and implementing progressively the upgrading works of hard-surface and grass soccer pitches across the territory, with the works of over 70 pitches targeted for completion by 2025 to meet the needs of, and dovetail with the development of football activities in the community.

21. Mr LIN Chun-pong welcomed the above measures and expressed that following the commissioning of major sports facilities organisations like the

Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation (HKSSF) would be in a better position to host major sports events, thereby promoting school sports development. As regards the introduction of urban sports, Mr LIN suggested that collaboration among relevant NSAs and schools be explored as part of efforts to promote and develop such sports. On the front of the HKG, given the processes in place for selecting district representatives varied across district organisations in the past, Mr LIN suggested that better and closer co-ordination be delivered among them. Moreover, as the HKG and the Festival of Sport organised by the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC) both had a similar goal in promoting “Sport for All”, he suggested that the feasibility of mutual collaboration be explored among the organisers, in a bid to maximise the benefits of the events.

22. Ms Tina WONG Ting expressed her support for the “10-year development blueprint for sports and recreation facilities”, which would help spur the future development of community sports. In addition, she suggested that the Government should consider relaxing the eligibility of event applicants for the “M” Mark System, with a view to introducing more major events of varying types to the community.

23. Ms TSANG Tsz-lui suggested that consideration be given to organising activities at non-LCSD venues such as large shopping centres to encourage wider public participation in the events in support of promoting “Sport for All”. Moreover, she pointed out that the COVID-19 epidemic had an impact to a certain extent on the social development of junior secondary school students, and hoped that their cohesion and social skills would be enhanced through the promotion of youth sports competitions. In this connection, she suggested that organisations in the school sector such as the HKSSF or the Hong Kong Association of the Heads of Secondary Schools should explore the feasibility of collaboration over such issues, while the private sector should also play supportive roles in tandem. In addition, she said that the Government had currently in place certain requirements or restrictions on the activities of applicants in the case of issue of entertainment licences. She hoped that the mechanism in question can be implemented by the Government in a coordinated manner to promote the development of sports activities.

24. Mr HUNG noted Members’ comments. Regarding the HKG, the Government would step up the co-ordination among districts for the upcoming event, and attempts would be made to explore the feasibility of collaborating with the SF&OC to promote “Sport for All”. As for relaxing the eligibility of event applicants for the “M” Mark System, the Government would review the relevant arrangements. On the arrangements of event venues, as he understood, while the higher patronage of shopping centres would help, to a certain extent, promote the events, the venue hire charges were relatively costly. The concessionary hire charges offered by shopping centres, if any, would help in promoting the events thereat.

Adjournment of Meeting

25. The Chairman thanked Members for attending the meeting, which was the last meeting of this term of office of the CSC. He once again thanked Members as well as the DLCS and colleagues of the LCSO for their endeavours, in particular the unremitting efforts in promoting community sports amid the epidemic. The Secretariat would inform Members of the date of the next meeting in due course.

26. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Note: No declarations of conflict of interests were received from Members during the meeting.

Community Sports Committee Secretariat
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