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Sport Policy Review

With reference to the Report of the Sports Policy Review issued by the Home Affairs Bureau, the Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association (HKAAA) supports the views observed in the report and agrees to its recommendation, in particularly in the following areas:

- (a) **To strengthen mass participation.** Such responsibilities should be undertaken by the LCSD and NSAs to encourage the general public to participate in different roles of sporting activities including voluntary helpers, organizers, and as spectators and also players.
- (b) **To dissolve the Hong Kong Sports Development Board.** The HKAAA shares the Review Panel's observation as listed in Chapter IX - key areas of concern.
- (c) **To form a new Sports Commission.** The needs of a new Sports Body is critical in the future sports development in Hong Kong.
- (d) **To re-structure the Hong Kong Sports Institute, making coaches accountable to their respective NSAs.** Appointed Coaches must also involve in the development level of the sports continuum, rather than only focus on "elite" athletes. Facilities and resources at HKSI should be reviewed to make them more effectively used. The HKSI should be managed by a Board of Directors, appointed by the HKSAR Government. Members of NSAs and SF&OC of Hong Kong, China should serve in various committees of the HKST.
- (e) **To establish a Student Sport Co-ordinating Committee, under the overall umbrella of the Sports Commission.** This would widen the existing scope for students' participation in Sports in future, thus, creating a Sporting Culture, eventually.
- (f) **To clearly define the role of the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China.** The Olympic Committee (OC) should act as a facilitator to co-ordinating

Hong Kong SAR's participation in Olympic, Asian and Regional Games, with nominations of athletes from NSAs'. Members of the OC should consist of representatives of those NSAs in the Olympic sports only.

The role of the Sports Federation (SF) should be to work with all NSAs to target at the promotion of sport for wider and greater participation in Hong Kong. The Sports Federation should act as the sole co-ordinator for HKASR's participation in the All China Games in future with nominations given to it by the respective NSAs.

- (g) **To develop staff of NSAs by offering them proper professional training, including the marketing of their respective sports.** NSAs are the ones who organize and deliver the events and they should market their sports to potential sponsors, with the support of the newly created Sports Commission and SF&OC of Hong Kong, China

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