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Dear Ms Fong,

Thank you for your invitation dated 19 January 2009 of a representative of the Federation to attend the Home Affairs Panel Meeting, Legislative Council (LegCo) scheduled on 6 February 2009 for giving the Federation's views on the Administration's proposal for injection of funds into the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) to provide funding for the arts sector and the sports sector of which only the latter will be main concern of the Federation and its National Sports Associations (NSAs).

It is pleased to note from HAB's draft paper titled "Proposed Injection of Funds into the Arts and Sport Development Fund" that a total allocation of around \$38.5M has been offered to the sports community on participation of major games, hosting of major international events and one-off initiatives in the period of 1 January 2007 to 30 November 2008, though the Federation's actual share (i.e., \$8.2M) only accrued to less than one-quarter of the total. In fact, the views of the Federation on the proposed allocation rationale of ASDF as well as the elaboration on the funding the Federation received were conveyed to the HAB by the Federation when consulted in early January 2009.

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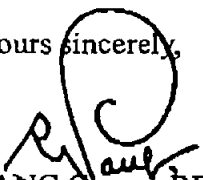
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In general, we are thankful for the concern of the LegCo Home Affairs Panel on the ASDF issues. Undoubtedly, we welcome additional funding to be granted by HAB on the ASDF issues. However, the Federation and its NSAs are mindful of the transparency and fairness of HAB's approach in its funding allocation mechanism being lack of advance consultation of the parties concerned. Having stated the above, the Federation considers it not relevant to comment on the Government led project concerning NSAs' hosting of major games and international events held locally that necessitates the appointment of a Federation representative to speak in the meeting of the LegCo Home Affairs Panel scheduled on 6 February 2009 on one-quarter of the funding directly involved with the Federation. The reply slip of the Federation is at Annex I.

In view of the tight time schedule, the Federation has already issued a circular to all NSAs inviting them to attend the afore-said meeting of the LegCo Home Affairs Panel. A copy of the circular dated 22 January 2009 is at Annex II for your reference.

Should you have any enquires on this issue, please feel free to contact Mr Joseph Leung of the Federation Secretariat at telephone 2504 8118.

Yours sincerely,



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