

(Translation)

Motion on
“Promoting the sports development in Hong Kong”
moved by Hon IP Kwok-him
at the Legislative Council meeting
of Wednesday, 6 January 2010

Motion as amended by Hon LEE Wing-tat and Hon Paul CHAN Mo-po

That the sports development in Hong Kong has long been neglected, but the East Asian Games has been successfully completed, and with the support of the community as well as the strenuous effort of the athletes, Hong Kong players have still achieved outstanding performance and won high praise; in order to further enhance the standard of local sports and promote the sports development in Hong Kong, this Council urges the Government to:

- (a) review the existing scoring mechanism for the elite training programmes, and actively consider including team sports which are popular among the public and have development potentials in such programmes;
- (b) take the lead in providing additional funding and encourage the Hong Kong Jockey Club to put in more resources to support the development of local football;
- (c) allocate funding to directly support the football academy at Tseung Kwan O, and provide adequate funding to maintain and develop football representative teams of different age groups;
- (d) provide sufficient training venues for various First Division football clubs and consider waiving their venue rental;
- (e) examine the effectiveness of the various existing funding schemes, and increase the funding amounts according to actual needs;
- (f) improve the hardware facilities for various sports activities and expeditiously carry out the multi-purpose stadium complex project in the Kai Tak Development Area, so as to provide better support for sports development;
- (g) formulate a specific policy to improve the treatment of athletes and their career development after retirement;

- (h) draw reference from the Mainland and overseas experience to encourage the business sector to take part in the funding of sports;
- (i) step up effort in motivating schools, the general public and enterprises to attach importance to sports, promote sports for all, and create a competition atmosphere among district sports teams, so as to increase public participation and community cohesion;
- (j) strengthen collaboration and exchanges with the Mainland to enhance the standard of local sports; and
- (k) actively consider bidding to host the 18th Asian Games in 2019;
- (l) review the adequacy of resources currently allocated to sports, and enhance the transparency of the funding policy and the funding approval process; and
- (m) assist various national sports associations in enhancing their discipline in corporate governance, accounting and compliance with rules and regulations, so as to ensure that the resources allocated to them are utilized in a proper and effective manner.