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### Highlights

- An exhibition on the history of the EAG, past performances of Hong Kong athletes, and the organisation of the 2009 EAG is being held at New Town Plaza in Sha Tin from 9 to 11 October.
- The Kwai Chung BMX Park is substantially completed and will open on 31 October; repair works to the Tseung Kwan O Sports Ground also completed.
- The Administration and the EAG Company reported to the LegCo Home Affairs Panel on 5 October that good progress was being made on EAG preparations.
- The School Torch Relay Programme was launched in early September and will continue until late November. Some 500 schools and over 400 000 teachers and students will be participating.

### Key publicity events in the next two weeks

- 12 October**
- Appointment of EAG athlete ambassadors and announcement of list of athletes
  - Group draw for volleyball, basketball and football
- 19 October**      Volunteers in uniform to meet the press

### Upcoming test events

- 25 October**
- Hong Kong Rowing Championships at Sha Tin Rowing Centre
  - Indoor Cycling Championships at Tseung Kwan O Sports Centre
- 31 October**      4<sup>th</sup> Asian BMX Championships at HKJC International BMX Park

### To Note

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### *EAG News*

- Hong Kong's biggest-ever team comprising about 380 athletes will take part in the 2009 EAG. These include well-established star athletes such as Wong Kam-po (cycling), Wang Chen, Zhou Mi and Yip Pui-yin (badminton), Marco Fu (cue sports), Li Ching and Ko Lai-chak (table tennis), Annie Au Wing-chi and Rebecca Chiu Wing-yin (squash), and Hannah Wilson and Sherry Tsai Hiu-wai (swimming).
- Following the earlier appointment of Eason Chan, Alan Tam and Hacken Lee as EAG Ambassadors, five outstanding athletes, namely Lee Lai-shan, So Wah-wai, Amy Chan, Leslie Santos and Yu Chui-ye, were also appointed as EAG Ambassadors on 12 October.
- Draws for the basketball, football and volleyball competitions were held on 12 October to determine the competition schedules. Draw results are available at <http://www.2009eastasiangames.hk/en/sport/schedule.html>.

### *Upcoming Publicity Events*

**20 October** EAG briefing for the hotel and tourism trades

### *Upcoming Test Events*

- 25 October**
- 31<sup>st</sup> HK Rowing Championships at Sha Tin Rowing Centre
  - Indoor Cycling Championships at Tseung Kwan O Sports Centre
- 31 October** 4<sup>th</sup> Asian BMX Championships at HKJC International BMX Park

### *EAG Fact File*

The first EAG was held in Shanghai in 1993. Subsequent games were held in Busan (1997), Osaka (2001) and Macau (2005).

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### *EAG News*

- On 20 October, Under Secretary for Home Affairs, Ms Florence Hui, briefed members of the hotel and tourism industries on arrangements for the EAG. It is estimated that about 10 000 visitors will come to Hong Kong for the games.
- Tickets are already sold out for 10 events (swimming, diving, tenpin bowling, cue sports, BMX cycling, indoor cycling, dancesport, judo, taekwando and wushu). Overall, more than 60% of the tickets have been sold.
- About 6 000 volunteers have registered to assist at the EAG venues and to receive guests and spectators. A Volunteer Pledging Ceremony will be held in November.

### *Upcoming Publicity Events*

- 24 October** Yuen Long District Council “Be the Legend” Mosaic Art Design Project at Fung Kam Street Sports Centre
- 27 October** Emergency response preparedness drills at Shek Kip Mei Park Sports Centre
- 29 October** Secretary for Home Affairs to meet National Sports Associations to discuss EAG preparation and readiness of athletes

### *Upcoming Pre-games Events*

- 25 October**
- 31<sup>st</sup> HK Rowing Championships at Sha Tin Rowing Centre
  - Indoor Cycling Championships at Tseung Kwan O Sports Centre
- 31 October** 4<sup>th</sup> Asian BMX Championships at HKJC International BMX Park

### *EAG Fact File*

Of the countries and regions taking part in the EAG, China has the largest population, estimated at 1.33 billion. By contrast, Guam has the smallest population - only 180,000 people. Mongolia, whilst covering a huge area, has a population of just 3 million people – less than half of the population of Hong Kong, which is 7 million.

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