

(Translation)

**Motion on
“Promoting long-term sports development”
moved by Hon KAM Nai-wai
at the Legislative Council meeting commencing
on Wednesday, 5 January 2011**

Motion as amended by Hon WONG Kwok-hing and Hon Tanya CHAN

That, as the Hong Kong Government has decided to bid to host the 2023 Asian Games, but all along, it has not put forward any blueprint for long-term and comprehensive sports development, in that it lacks commitment to promote community-wide participation in sports and has no plan to improve training for local athletes, this Council expresses disappointment in this regard; following the Government’s failure to bid to host the 2006 Asian Games 10 years ago, it has failed to honour its undertaking of building sports venues, and the hosting of the 2009 East Asian Games did not foster a culture of promoting community-wide participation in sports, this Council considers that the Hong Kong Government should formulate and implement a long-term and comprehensive policy on sports, enhance training for local athletes and treat them well, take concrete steps to promote sports for all, and establish a sound administrative structure for sports; in this connection, this Council urges the Government to implement the following measures:

- (a) by way of extensive consultation and mobilizing public participation, to draw up a 10-year blueprint for sports development, set objectives for community-wide participation in sports, and undertake planning for local athletes’ training; regardless of whether the bid to host the Asian Games is successful or not, the Government should allocate \$6 billion for establishing a ‘Sports Fund’, with a view to promoting the policy on community-wide participation in sports and enhancing training for local athletes;
- (b) to conduct extensive consultation with the Hong Kong sports sector and athletes, and on this basis, to establish a mechanism for protecting current and retired athletes, and at the same time provide scholarships for their pursuit of further studies overseas or locally, and put in place measures to ensure their employment; and by making reference to overseas experience, to provide commercial organizations with tax concessions, so as to encourage the trades to employ current or retired athletes;

- (c) to allocate funds for supporting athletes' after-training academic learning, with a view to providing them with learning assistance in foundation academic subjects, and to hold discussions with universities on allocating additional resources for providing places specifically for athletes;
- (d) to construct more district sports facilities and venues, and allow members of the public and students to have priority in using such utility-based district sports venues, and at the same time to extensively install simple fitness facilities suitable for people of different ages in parks and public housing estates throughout the territory, thereby promoting sports for all;
- (e) to improve students' opportunities to participate in sports, including increasing the number and duration of physical education lessons in secondary and primary schools, so as to cultivate students' interest in sports;
- (f) to make accurate and precise estimation on the costs of constructing sports venues and expeditiously submit information about all the sports venues and facilities proposed to be constructed or improved under the plan to bid to host the Asian Games to the Legislative Council for scrutiny, so that this Council can scrutinize the Government's applications based on the needs for the development of sports for all and elite sports in different districts and their relevant timetables;
- (g) to urge the relevant authorities to study how to reform the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China and the various National Sports Associations by requiring them to introduce professional administrative management and increase transparency of their finances, as well as to establish reasonable selection and appeal mechanisms, so as to ensure fair treatment of all athletes; and
- (h) to urge the relevant departments and sports institutions to undertake studies on the salaries and fringe benefits of sports coaches, instructors and counsellors, etc., and conduct timely reviews, so as to facilitate the retention and nurturing of local sports elites;
- (i) by making reference to the Report of the Sports Policy Review Team entitled 'Towards a more sporting future' published in 2002, to implement the feasible recommendations made therein, and at the same time conduct studies on those areas not covered by the Report for the purpose of formulating a long-term sports policy on sports;

- (j) the Government should split the 'Arts and Sports Development Fund' and enhance training for local athletes and invest more resources, so as to promote sports development;
- (k) to standardize the present reward mechanisms for able-bodied athletes and disabled athletes participating in international events of equivalent levels, so as to give fair recognition to the achievements of all athletes; and
- (l) to review the terms of reference and composition of the Sports Commission, enlist the participation of more athletes, and enhance the transparency of the Commission.