

For discussion on
10 June 2011

Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs

Promotion of Sport for All and Construction of Sports Venues

Purpose

This paper briefs Members on measures that the Administration is taking to promote “Sport for All” and reports on progress with the construction of new sports venues.

Background

2. In 2002, the Government published the review report on long-term sports policy entitled “Towards a more sporting future” (“the 2002 Report”), which set out three broad directions for long-term sports development in Hong Kong, namely: to develop a strong sporting culture in the community; for our elite athletes to achieve excellence; and to raise our international sporting profile. One of the recommendations of the 2002 Report was to set up a Sports Commission (SC) to advise the Government on the policies, strategies and implementation framework for sports development, and on the provision of funding and resources to this end.

3. Established on 1 January 2005, the SC has three committees: the Community Sports Committee (CSC), the Elite Sports Committee and the Major Sports Events Committee. The CSC advises on strategies to promote community participation in sport and works with stakeholders such as the District Councils (DCs), “national sports associations” (NSAs), other sports organisations and the education sector to promote sport and other physical activities and to create a sustainable sporting culture at the community level.

Promotion of Sport for All

4. The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) organises sports training programmes and competitions in the community, provides and manages sports facilities and provides financial and venue support to NSAs for organising sports training programmes and competitions. Upon the advice of the CSC, the LCSD also implements initiatives to promote sport in the community, as explained in paragraphs 5 to 14 below.

Sport in the community

5. In promoting “Sport for All”, LCSD makes reference to the results and recommendations of the 2008 Study: “*Sport for All – the Participation Patterns of Hong Kong People in Physical Activities*” (the Study) commissioned by the CSC. The Study provides extensive information about the habits and preferences of Hong Kong people with regard to sport and other physical activities. For example, it concludes that the three most popular sports among the general population are jogging, swimming and badminton – although specific age and gender groups have other preferences. On the basis of the information from the Study, LCSD has formulated a five-year action plan to promote the importance and benefits of regular participation in sport and other physical activities. The department implemented Phase I of the plan in 2009 and 2010, by widely publicising the benefits of regular sports participation through briefings and promotional materials such as APIs, booklets and posters.

6. LCSD began implementing Phase II of the plan in April 2010. The initial focus has been to provide tailor-made programmes for people of different ages, such as parent-child programmes and fitness walking and jogging for middle-aged people who the Study found to be the least active in our community. LCSD has designed walking tracks in 18 districts with signage showing information on distance and energy consumption to encourage people to take part in regular walking for fitness.

7. In late 2009, the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) commissioned the Census and Statistics Department to conduct a Thematic Household Survey (THS) to gather more in-depth information about Hong Kong people’s levels of interest and participation in sport and their views on the provision and quality of sports facilities. The THS found that running, swimming, “qualiwalk” (walking for fitness) and badminton were the most popular sports among the general population, and open spaces in parks, swimming pools and basketball courts were the most popular sports venues. Many respondents were satisfied with the levels of provision, quality, location, cleanliness and service at public sports facilities. We will draw on the findings of both the 2008 Study and the THS when formulating strategies for the further development of sport in the community.

8. In 2011-12, LCSD will organise about 36 900 community recreation and sports programmes, including tailor-made programmes for middle-aged people, at a cost of about \$143.5 million. The department will allocate another \$94.6 million to NSAs and other sports organisations to organise around 8 900 sports programmes at the district level.

9. LCSD launched the second territory-wide Physical Fitness Test in 2011. Together with the data collected in the first round exercise conducted in 2005 – 06, this will help us to build up a database and track the levels of physical fitness of Hong Kong people. We are testing about 10 000 people aged from 3 to 69, and data collection is expected to be completed by end of this year. The department will analyse the data collected to identify priority areas for improvement and work out strategies in consultation with the CSC to intensify our promotion of a sporting culture in the community.

The School Sports Programme

10. Schools play an important role in promoting a sporting culture, especially in encouraging students to build up a life-long habit of participating in sport on a regular basis. We presented a summary of initiatives and work underway to promote sport in schools in LC Paper No. CB(2)1700/10-11(03), which was considered at the Joint Panel Meeting between the Panels on Home Affairs and Education on 13 May 2011. To recap, LCSD launched the School Sports Programme (SSP) in 2001 as a platform to promote sport in schools. The SSP features activities organised by NSAs (with LCSD's support) that complement the daily schedule of schools so that students can take part in sport in the school environment. The SSP also helps identify students with potential for further training and development.

11. At present, 90% of schools and 38 NSAs take part in the SSP. Since 2001, the number of activities organised under the programmes has increased from some 1 190 programmes for 233 700 students to about 7 800 for 602 000 students.

12. LCSD will continue to strengthen the SSP by –

- (a) encouraging schools that are not in the SSP to join;
- (b) inviting more NSAs to participate in the SSP to provide a wider range of sports activities for students;
- (c) providing more information to prospective teachers about the SSP so that they will encourage their future students to take part in sport; and
- (d) providing more opportunities for students to watch high-level sports competitions and demonstrations under the guidance of professional coaches.

Community-level competitions

13. The Government organises specific community-level competitions to increase people's interest in sport. For example, the 2010 Corporate Games, which aims to encourage employers and employees in the manufacturing, commercial, and public sectors to take part in sport attracted over 9 300 participants; the 2010 Masters Games, which targets people aged 35 or above attracted over 3 700 participants.

14. The largest community-level sports competition is the biennial Hong Kong Games (HKG), which is a collaboration between the Government, the SC and the 18 District Councils, and which aims to promote public participation in sport through inter-district competitions and community activities. The first edition of the HKG was launched in 2007, and the numbers of events and participants have increased steadily since then. At the first HKG held in 2007, about 1 280 athletes and 100 000 members of the public took in four sports competitions and 12 community involvement programmes respectively. At the third HKG, which has just been completed on 5 June 2011, over 3 000 athletes have taken part in eight sports competitions and over 300 000 people participated in 18 community programmes.

Sports Facilities

Present position

15. The Government is committed to providing sports facilities in line with our policy objectives for developing sport in Hong Kong. The LCSD provides a range of facilities, including 38 swimming pool complexes, 89 sports centres, 290 squash courts, 256 tennis courts, 2 stadia, 25 sports grounds, 81 turf pitches and 5 water sports centres throughout Hong Kong. We regularly review the provision of sports facilities, having particular regard to the considerations set out in paragraph 17 below. For example, in view of the high demand for football pitches and in line with our policy commitment to promote the long-term development of football, we plan to provide at least 36 third generation (3G) artificial turf soccer pitches by 2015 through building new pitches or converting existing natural or old artificial turf pitches. This pitch development strategy will significantly increase the number of playing sessions available, allowing 270 sessions per pitch per month at the new 3G artificial turf pitches, thereby providing greater capacity for developing football at junior, district and professional levels.

Provision of new facilities

16. Since 2005, the Government has completed new sports facilities or upgraded existing facilities at a cost of more than \$4.5 billion. In planning new

facilities, we make reference to the planning standards set out in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (HKPSG), the policy objectives for sports development, the utilisation rates of existing facilities, the preferences of members of the public as measured by studies and surveys, and the extent to which such facilities are provided by the Government and other non-government organisations.

17. In consultation with the SC, we have developed the following strategic approach to planning and implementing new sports facility projects -

- (a) to accord priority to providing new facilities (especially indoor sports centres) in districts with shortfalls, having regard to the HKPSG, utilisation rates of existing facilities, site availability and the views of the DCs concerned;
- (b) to give priority to the development of more basketball courts in public parks and other Open Space areas, particularly in districts where there are relatively young populations;
- (c) to support the long-term development of football in Hong Kong by providing more 11-a-side 3G artificial turf soccer pitches through building new pitches or converting existing hard-surface soccer pitches;
- (d) to provide more jogging tracks (most popular sport in Hong Kong according to the Study) and Tai Chi areas (most popular sport among the elderly) when planning open spaces and park projects; and
- (e) taking into account other priorities, to follow up on planned projects to provide indoor heated pools in new swimming complexes and convert existing pools into indoor heated pools.

18. New projects that we have recently completed or that are scheduled for completion in 2011-12 include the Tung Chung Swimming Pool Complex (opened in April 2011) and the Siu Sai Wan Complex (including indoor heated swimming pools and a sports centre). Details of these projects are at **Annex I**.

19. Construction of 15 sports facilities with a total investment of over \$9.2 billion is now underway (see **Annex II**). Major upgrading projects include: the redevelopment of the Victoria Park Swimming Pool Complex; redevelopment of the Kwun Tong Swimming Pool Complex and Kwun Tong Recreation Ground; improvement works to the Mong Kok Stadium; and conversion of the secondary

pool of the Lai Chi Kok Park Swimming Pool into an indoor heated pool.

20. As regards new sports venues under planning, depending on the availability of resources, we aim to begin construction of several new sports venues in the near future, for example, a district open space, sports centre and library project in Area 74, Tseung Kwan O; a sports centre, community hall and public library project in Area 14B, Sha Tin; open space in Area 117, Tin Shui Wai (including an 11-a-side 3G artificial football pitch); and an indoor recreation centre in Area 14 (Siu Lun), Tuen Mun. Further details are at **Annex III**.

More user-friendly sports venues

21. To meet the needs of users and to improve the environment of sports centres, we will provide more facilities such as baby-care rooms, equip toilets with special cubicles and basins designed for children and provide electric hair dryers and hand dryers in changing rooms and toilets respectively. All facilities in sports centres will be designed to meet the requirements provided in the “Design Manual - Barrier Free Access 2008”. Interlinking staircases and lifts will be provided to facilitate access to wheelchair users, the elderly and people with visual impairment. To liven up the environment of the sports centres, entrance lobbies of future sports centres will be well-lit, spacious and comfortable with the provision of good-quality seats and soft landscaping.

Conclusion and Way Forward

22. We will continue to implement the programmes and strategies set out in this paper having regard to the views of the public and the findings of relevant studies and research. We will strengthen existing programmes and step up cooperation with stakeholders. We will also continue to plan and build new sports venues, and convert and enhance existing facilities in line with our strategic policy objectives for sports development in Hong Kong.

Advice Sought

23. Members are invited to note and to comment on the initiatives outlined here which aimed at promoting “Sport for All” and providing suitable public sports venues.

Recently Completed Sports Facilities

近期完成的體育設施

I. Sports Facilities Recently Opened for Public Use

近期啟用的體育設施

Item No. 項目編號	Project Title 工程名稱
Sports Facilities Opened in 2010 在 2010 年啟用的體育設施	
1.	Indoor Recreation Centre, Community Hall cum Library in Area 17, Tung Chung, Lantau 大嶼山東涌第 17 區體育館、社區會堂暨圖書館
2.	District Open Space in Area 18, Tung Chung, Lantau 大嶼山東涌第 18 區地區休憩用地 (including a 7-a-side hard-surfaced soccer pitch and a skateboard ground 包括一個七人硬地足球場及一個滑板場)
3.	District Open Space in Area 9, Tsing Yi 青衣第 9 區的地區休憩用地 (including an 11-a-side artificial turf soccer pitch, two basketball cum volleyball courts, cycling and skateboarding areas 包括一個十一人人造草地足球場、兩個籃球兼排球場、單車場及滑板場)
4.	Ngau Chi Wan Recreation Ground, Wong Tai Sin 黃大仙牛池灣遊樂場 (including a basketball court 包括一個籃球場)
5.	District Open Space at Po Kong Village Road, Wong Tai Sin * 黃大仙蒲崗村道的地區休憩用地 (including a multi-purpose artificial turf pitch for two soccer-cum-rugby pitches and one cricket pitch to be superimposed onto it 包括一個多用途人造草地球場，可用作兩個足球兼欖球場，以及在其上劃界，以作一個木球場)

* Facilities under Phase II of the project, including cycling areas, will be opened for public use soon.
第二期工程項目提供的設施，包括單車場，即將會開放給市民使用。

Sports Facilities Opened in 2011 在 2011 年啟用的體育設施	
6.	Swimming Pool Complex in Area 2, Tung Chung, Lantau 大嶼山東涌第 2 區游泳池場館
7.	Reprovisioning of Kennedy Town Swimming Pool (Phase I) 堅尼地城游泳池重置工程（第一期）

II. Sports Facilities with Construction Completed and to be Opened for Public Use Soon

已完成建造工程並即將啟用的體育設施

Item No. 項目編號	Project Title 工程名稱
1.	Siu Sai Wan Complex 小西灣市政大廈 (including indoor heated swimming pools and a sports centre 包括室內暖水游泳池及一個體育館)

Sports Facilities Projects Under Construction

正在興建的體育設施工程項目

Item No. 項目編號	Project Title 工程名稱	Estimated Project Cost (\$M) 工程預算費用 (百萬元計)	Tentative Works Completion Date 預計完工日期
1.	Tin Shui Wai Public Library cum Indoor Recreation Centre 天水圍公共圖書館兼體育館 (including a sports centre and an indoor heated swimming pool 包括一個體育館及一個室內暖水游泳池)	625.40	Mid-2011 2011 年中
2.	Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park and Swimming Pool Complex 中山紀念公園暨游泳池場館	574.70	Mid-2011 2011 年中
3.	Tseung Kwan O Complex in Area 44, Tseung Kwan O 將軍澳第 44 區將軍澳綜合大樓 (including a sports centre 包括一個體育館)	530.90	Mid-2011 2011 年中
4.	Sports Centre in Area 28A, Fanling/ Sheung Shui 粉嶺/上水第 28A 區體育館	360.00	Mid-2011 2011 年中
5.	Improvement works for Mongkok Stadium 旺角大球場改善工程	275.50	Late 2011 2011 年底
6.	Local Open Space in Area 25, Fanling/Sheung Shui 粉嶺/上水第 25 區鄰舍休憩用地 (including a skateboarding ground and a BMX cycling ground 包括一個滑板場及一個 BMX 單車場)	51.30	Early 2012 2012 年初
7.	District Open Space in Area 37, Tseung Kwan O 將軍澳第 37 區地區休憩用地 (including an artificial turf bowling green 包括一個人造草地滾球場)	140.60	Early 2012 2012 年初
8.	Swimming Pool Complex in Area 1 (San Wai Court), Tuen Mun 屯門第 1 區(新圍苑)游泳池場館	791.40	Early 2012 2012 年初
9.	Lam Tin North Municipal Services Building	708.50	Mid-2012

Item No. 項目編號	Project Title 工程名稱	Estimated Project Cost (\$M) 工程預算費用 (百萬元計)	Tentative Works Completion Date 預計完工日期
	藍田北市政大廈 (including indoor heated swimming pools 包括室內暖水游泳池)		2012 年中
10.	Sports Centre and Community Hall in Area 101, Tin Shui Wai 天水圍第 101 區體育館及社區會堂	629.80	Mid-2012 2012 年中
11.	Conversion of Secondary Pool of Lai Chi Kok Park Swimming Pool into Indoor Heated Pool 把荔枝角公園游泳池的副池改建為室內暖水池	166.70	Mid-2012 2012 年中
12.	Town Park, Indoor Velodrome-cum-sports Centre in Area 45, Tseung Kwan O 將軍澳第 45 區市鎮公園、室內單車場及體育館	1,129.70	Early 2013 2013 年初
13.	Public Library and Indoor Recreation Centre in Area 3, Yuen Long 元朗第 3 區公共圖書館及體育館	704.10	Mid-2013 2013 年中
14.	Redevelopment of Victoria Park Swimming Pool Complex 維多利亞公園游泳池場館重建工程	1,197.70	Late 2014 2014 年底
15.	Redevelopment of Kwun Tong Swimming Pool Complex and Kwun Tong Recreation Ground 重建觀塘游泳池場館及觀塘遊樂場	1,323.80	Late 2014 2014 年底

Total 總計: 9,210.10

Sports Facilities Projects in Advanced Planning Stage
規劃中的體育設施工程項目

Item No. 項目編號	Project Title 工程名稱
1.	District Open Space, Sports Centre and Library in Area 74, Tseung Kwan O 將軍澳第 74 區地區休憩用地、體育館及圖書館
2.	Sports Centre, Community Hall cum Public Library in Area 14B, Sha Tin 沙田第 14B 區體育館、社區會堂兼圖書館
3.	Open Space in Area 117, Tin Shui Wai 天水圍第 117 區休憩用地 (including an artificial turf 11-a-side soccer-cum-rugby pitch 包括一個十一人人造草地足球場，可兼用作欖球場)
4.	Indoor Recreation Centre in Area 14 (Siu Lun), Tuen Mun 屯門第 14 區(兆麟)體育館
5.	Indoor Recreation Centre in Area 4, Tsing Yi 青衣第 4 區體育館 (including an indoor heated swimming pool and a sports centre 包括室內暖水游泳池及體育館)
6.	District Open Space at the Junction of Hing Wah Street West, Lai Hong Street and Tung Chau Street, Sham Shui Po 深水埗興華街西，荔康街及通州街交界的地區休憩用地 (including a 7-a-side artificial turf soccer pitch 包括一個七人人造草地足球場)
7.	Sports Centre in Area 24D, Sha Tin 沙田第 24D 區體育館
8.	Local Open Space in Area 6, Tai Po 大埔第 6 區鄰舍休憩用地 (including two basketball cum volleyball courts 包括兩個籃球兼排球場)
9.	Local Open Space in Area 6 (Leung Choi Lane), Tuen Mun 屯門第 6 區(良才里) 鄰舍休憩用地 (including a 7-a-side hard-surfaced soccer pitch 包括一個七人硬地足球場)

Item No. 項目編號	Project Title 工程名稱
10.	Open space at Kai Tak Avenue Park, Kowloon City District 九龍城區啟德大道公園 (including a basketball court 包括一個籃球場)