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Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs
Alternative Option of Venue Planning for 2023 Asian Games Bid

Purpose

This paper briefly reports the alternative option (**Annex 1**) proposed by the Venue and Events Sub-Committee (VESC) of the 2023 Asian Games Provisional Bid Committee (AGPBC).

Background

2. At the VESC meeting held on 9 November 2010, members examined in detail the Government's plan for the provision of venues if Hong Kong bids to host the Asian Games (**Annex 2**). In response to the general public concern over the possible cost of hosting the Games, members considered that it would be viable to scale back the original plan and not to upgrade three proposed indoor sports centres in Yuen Long, Tai Po and Sha Tin (the estimated total cost for upgrading these three centres is \$8.5 billion). This alternative option could therefore reduce the direct cost of hosting the Games from the original estimate of about \$13.7 - 14.5 billion, to about \$6 billion.

3. As no secondary courts would be provided under this alternative option, the preliminary rounds of three events (basketball, handball and volleyball) would need to be distributed among different venues. Although the spectator capacity of the three indoor sports centres would be reduced, it would still be possible to provide 1000 to 1200 spectator seats in each of the venues during the Games for the preliminary heats. Temporary overlay works would also be required to provide the various related ancillary facilities such as VIP rooms, press rooms, medical services, etc.

4. Members proposed that in addition to the three indoor sports

centres, the preliminary heats for basketball, handball and volleyball could also take place at the Public Library and Indoor Recreation Centre in Yuen Long, at the Sports Centre in Fanling/Sheung Shui both now under construction and at the existing Ma On Shan indoor sports centre. As a result of the proposed changes in the use of venues, wrestling and weightlifting would be relocated to the new Tseung Kwan O Complex now under construction.

5. The differences between the alternative option and the original proposal are summarized in **Annex 3**.

Conclusion

6. The option put forward by the VESC gives the public an opportunity to consider from a fresh perspective whether Hong Kong should bid to host the 2023 Games in the light of the potential reduced direct capital cost, the benefits that hosting the Games could bring to Hong Kong and the opportunity for building up a strong sporting culture for our community and investing in our next generation

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List of proposed venues for staging 2023 Asian Games - Alternative Proposal

- 28 Olympic sports

Sport	Discipline	Proposed Venue
Aquatics	Swimming	Victoria Park Swimming Pool Complex
	Diving	
	Water polo	
	Synchronized swimming	Neighbouring city
	Open water swimming	Beach
Archery	Archery	Tai Hang Tung Recreation Ground
Athletics	Athletics	Multi-purpose Stadium Complex at Kai Tak - Main Stadium
Badminton	Badminton	Hong Kong Coliseum
Basketball	Basketball	1) Newly planned sports centre in Tsuen Wan for heats
		2) Sports Centre in Fanling/Sheung Shui (under construction) for heats
		3) Public Library and Indoor Recreation Centre in Yuen Long (under construction) for heats
		4) Hong Kong Coliseum for finals / semi-finals
Boxing	Boxing	AsiaWorld-Expo - Hall 2
Canoe/Kayak	Sprint	Shing Mun River Water Sports Centre
	Slalom	Neighbouring city
Cycling	Track	Tseung Kwan O Velodrome
	Road	Public Roads
	Mountain Bike	Country parks
	BMX	Hong Kong Jockey Club International BMX Park
Equestrian	Dressage	Hong Kong Jockey Club Sheung Shui Riding Centre
	Jumping	
	Eventing	
Fencing	Fencing	Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre

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Football	Football	1) Hong Kong Stadium for finals / semi-finals
		2) Siu Sai Wan Sports Ground
		3) Mong Kok Stadium
		4) Yuen Long Stadium
		5) Tseung Kwan O Sports Ground
		6) Shing Mun Valley Sports Ground
		7) Aberdeen Sports Ground
Golf	Golf	Hong Kong Golf Club
Gymnastics	Artistic	Multi-purpose Stadium Complex at Kai Tak - Indoor Sports Arena
	Rhythmic	
	Trampoline	
Handball	Handball	1) Planned new Sports centre in Sha Tin Ma On Shan for heats
		2) Ma On Shan Sports Centre for heats and finals
Hockey	Hockey	Newly planned sports ground in Sham Shui Po District
Judo	Judo	Queen Elizabeth Stadium
Modern Pentathlon	Modern Pentathlon	Hong Kong Sports Institute
Rowing	Rowing	Shing Mun River Water Sports Centre
Rugby	Rugby	Hong Kong Stadium
Sailing	Sailing boat	Clearwater Bay Golf and Country Club Marina
	Wind Surfing	
Shooting	Pistol	Neighbouring city
	Skeet and Trap	
Table Tennis	Table Tennis	Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre
Taekwondo	Taekwondo	Queen Elizabeth Stadium

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Tennis	Tennis	Redevelopment of Victoria Park Tennis Centre
Triathlon	Triathlon	Tai Mei Tuk Water Sports Centre and Plover Cove Dam
Volleyball	Indoor Volleyball	1) Newly planned sports centre in Kowloon City Kai Tak Development Area for heats
		2) Planned new sports centre in Yuen Long Tin Shui Wai for heats
		3) Planned new sports centre in Tai Po for heats
		4) Hong Kong Coliseum for finals / semi-finals
	Beach Volleyball	Victoria Park
Weightlifting	Weightlifting	Tseung Kwan O Complex (under construction)
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Wrestling	Wrestling	

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- Summary of the Differences between Alternative Proposal and Original Proposal

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Basketball	Basketball	1) Newly planned sports centre in Tsuen Wan for heats (seating capacity: 1200 + 400)	1) Newly planned sports centre in Tsuen Wan for heats (seating capacity: 1200 + 400)
		2) Sports Centre in Fanling/Sheung Shui (under construction) for heats (seating capacity: 800 + 400)	2) Upgraded planned new sports centre in Tai Po for heats (seating capacity: 3000 + 1000)
		3) Public Library and Indoor Recreation Centre in Yuen Long (under construction) for heats (seating capacity: 800 + 400)	
		4) Hong Kong Coliseum for finals / semi-finals (seating capacity: 12000)	3) Hong Kong Coliseum for finals / semi-finals (seating capacity: 12000)
Handball	Handball	1) Planned new sports centre in Sha Tin Ma On Shan for heats (seating capacity: 800 + 400)	Upgraded planned new sports centre in Sha Tin Ma On Shan (seating capacity: 1500 + 1000)
		2) Ma On Shan Sports Centre for heats and finals (seating capacity: 1000 + 500)	
Volleyball	Indoor Volleyball	1) Newly planned sports centre in Kowloon City Kai Tak Development Area for heats (seating capacity: 2000 + 1000)	1) Newly planned sports centre in Kowloon City Kai Tak Development Area for heats (seating capacity: 2000 + 1000)
		2) Planned new sports centre in Yuen Long Tin Shui Wai for heats (seating capacity: 800 + 400)	2) Upgrade planned new sports centre in Yuen Long Tin Shui Wai for heats (seating capacity: 1500 + 1000)
		3) Planned new sports centre in Tai Po for heats (seating capacity: 500 + 500)	
		4) Hong Kong Coliseum for finals / semi-finals (seating capacity: 12000)	3) Hong Kong Coliseum for finals / semi-finals (seating capacity: 12000)
Weightlifting	Weightlifting	Tseung Kwan O Complex (under construction) (seating capacity: 800 + 400)	Ma On Shan Sports Centre (seating capacity: 1000 + 500)
Wrestling	Wrestling		