

(Translation)

**Motion on
“Evaluating the effectiveness of the policy on
‘promoting sports in the community, supporting elite sports and
developing Hong Kong into a prime destination for hosting major
international sports events’ and formulating a long-term sports policy”
moved by Hon MA Fung-kwok
at the Council meeting of 19 March 2014**

**Motion as amended by Dr Hon Kenneth CHAN, Dr Hon Helena WONG
and Dr Hon Fernando CHEUNG**

That Hong Kong has all along lacked a long-term and comprehensive sports policy; as the Government has not conducted any reviews of the sports policy since the publication of the Report of the Sports Policy Review Team in 2002, this Council urges the Government to expeditiously review and evaluate the effectiveness of the policy on ‘promoting sports in the community, supporting elite sports and developing Hong Kong into a prime destination for hosting major international sports events’, and deepen and step up the promotion of local sports affairs to dovetail with social needs, thereby achieving the important functions of sports to train the body and the mind, give full play to individual potential and strengthen cohesion in society, etc.; the relevant proposals include:

Sports policy and structure —

- (1) to formulate a long-term sports policy, increase resources and establish a sports commissioner to oversee and co-ordinate various government departments to promote sports development;
- (2) to review the overall management structure and system, and perfect activity organization and the mechanism for resource deployment and co-ordination among the Government, sports organizations and institutions, so as to enhance operational efficiency and transparency, and strengthen the nurturing of sports administrative and management personnel;
- (3) to encourage academic institutions and community organizations to conduct sports-related studies, so as to provide data and theoretical bases and increase efficiency of the sports policy;

- (4) to develop sports-related industries, including training, supply of sports goods and equipment, venue operation and management, media promotion, insurance and sports medicine, etc., for providing athletes and young people with diversified career pathways, and through tax concessions and other financial incentives, encourage the business sector to sponsor sports activities;
- (5) to review the governance, funding mechanism and operation of the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China and various national sports associations, so as to enhance their governance level and operation transparency, and use the governance level, fairness of funding distribution and operation transparency of the various national sports associations as the criteria for continued funding and determining funding levels;
- (6) to set up an independent mechanism for handling complaints targeted at the various national sports associations or disputes involving the various national sports associations;

Sports venues and facilities —

- (7) to increase easily accessible sports venues, enhance the standard and management of existing facilities, and effectively deploy venue resources, so as to meet the needs of the industry, schools and the public;
- (8) to enhance transparency and sustainability in the planning for the Multi-purpose Sports Complex at Kai Tak, including establishing a clear consultation mechanism, providing venue support for more sports items, adopting a ‘sports come first’ operational mode to support diversified and sustained development of sports, and designing venue in a flexible manner, so as to support elite sports and sports for all and meet the needs of major competitions, the industry and the public;
- (9) to review the existing policies on land and industrial buildings, so as to release space for more private organizations to develop sports venues;

Public participation in sports —

- (10) to strengthen the support in sports for schools, including establishing dedicated funding for sports, strengthening training for sports

teachers and cultivating students' interests in sports, so as to manifest the spirit of 'one sports/arts in life', and to encourage schools to open their sports venues to sports organizations outside school hours;

- (11) to deepen the support for specific population groups (such as the elderly, poor people, persons with disabilities and ethnic minorities, etc.), so that they have more opportunities to participate in sports;
- (12) to further develop inter-district sports competitions, so as to enhance the sports atmosphere in districts and strengthen cohesion in the community;
- (13) to strive to host more mega sports events and cross-boundary games, so as to raise people's interest of participation and drive the development of sports tourism;
- (14) to strengthen the publicity of various sports to enhance people's understanding of the relevant sports, thereby enhancing their interest and ability in sports appreciation;
- (15) to allocate additional resources to private sports institutions other than the various national sports associations for subsidizing their organization of sports activities;
- (16) to establish an inter-departmental mechanism under the co-ordination of the Home Affairs Bureau to assist schools, non-governmental organizations and sports clubs in borrowing sports venues and facilities;

Support for athletes —

- (17) to further expand the coverage of elite sports, introduce development plans for non-elite sports, strengthen sports support for persons with disabilities, and enhance the overall standard of sports training and level of athletic skills in Hong Kong;
- (18) to raise the professional and social status of athletes, and strengthen the support for current and retired athletes in respect of present education, further studies, employment and post-retirement prospects, so as to encourage more young people with potentials to join the ranks of full-time athletes; and
- (19) to review the incentive award system for disabled athletes who win awards in major international competitions, so as to bring the levels

of incentive awards for them on a par with those for able-bodied athletes;

Sports policy and structure —

- (20) to strengthen the monitoring of the administrative and financial structure of the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China and various national sports associations; and

Support for athletes —

- (21) to arrange for professionals to accompany and offer support to athletes participating in international competitions;

Sports venues and facilities —

- (22) to provide a barrier-free environment to facilitate persons with disabilities and the public to participate in sports; and

Support for athletes —

- (23) to accord the same treatment to disabled and non-disabled elite athletes, so that disabled elite athletes may participate in sports on a full-time basis.