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Clerk to the Establishment Subcommittee
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(Attn: Mr Keith Wong)

Dear Mr Wong,

**Establishment Subcommittee
Follow-up to Meeting on 6 December 2017
EC(2017-18)10**

Enclosed please find our response to the follow-up action arising from the discussion at the meeting of the Establishment Subcommittee of the Legislative Council held on 6 December 2017 for Members' reference.

Yours sincerely,

(Original signed)

(Ivan Wong)
for Secretary for Home Affairs

Legislative Council Establishment Subcommittee

Follow-up Action Arising from the Discussion at the Meeting on 6 December 2017

EC(2017-18)10

Follow-up item (a) – To assess the performance indicators of the Government in the implementation of its sports policy in promoting sports in the community, developing elite sports and making Hong Kong a centre for major international sports events, including statistics relating to district sports programmes, school sports as well as the sports participated by student athletes and their achievements etc. to quantify the effectiveness of the proposed post in promoting sports development in Hong Kong:

District Sports Programmes

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) has all along been committed to promoting sports in districts and the concept of “Sports for All” in order to achieve the policy objective of promoting sports in the community. The LCSD provides different types of recreational and sports facilities for the public in all the 18 districts and will strive to improve and increase recreational and sports venues and facilities so as to encourage the public to do more physical exercise.

2. Furthermore, the LCSD organises a wide range of recreational and sports activities every year through its 18 district leisure services offices and various sports groups. The activities include community-based programmes (e.g. sports training courses, competitions and play-in activities), the annual Sports for All Day, and the Hong Kong Games, the Corporate Games and the Masters Games which are organised biennially, to meet the needs of people of all ages, of different abilities and with different interests (including the elderly and persons with disabilities (PwDs)). The LCSD also provides regular subvention under the “Sports Subvention Scheme” for “national sports associations” (NSAs) to promote and develop their respective sports at different levels. Provisions for the years from 2014-15 to 2017-18 are as follows:

	Amount of Provision (\$million)
2014-15	262
2015-16	270
2016-17	280
2017-18	361

In addition, the LCSD offers concessionary programme fees and venue hiring charges to students, the elderly and PwDs together with their carers, with a view to encouraging active participation in sports activities by the public and promoting sports for all. From 2014-15 to 2016-17, the numbers of recreational and sports activities and their participants are set out below:

	Number of activities	Number of participants
2014-15	38 334	2 193 838
2015-16	38 038	2 495 037*
2016-17	38 010	2 213 890

*The number of participants in recreational and sports activities recorded is comparatively higher as quite a number of community activities were organised in the biennial Hong Kong Games.

3. In 2017-18, the LCSD expects that over 38 000 activities will be organised for the participation of around 2.55 million citizens.

School Sports

School Sports Programme

4. The LCSD has been co-ordinating and subventing the School Sports Programme (SSP) organised by relevant NSAs, in collaboration with the Education Bureau, the Chinese University of Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Baptist University since 2001. The SSP covers seven subsidiary programmes, including the Sport Education Programme, the Easy Sport Programme, the Outreach Coaching Programme, the Joint Schools Sports Training Programme, the Badges Award Scheme, the Sports Award Scheme and the Sport Captain Programme.

5. The SSP is operated to suit schools' daily schedules and to enable students of primary, secondary and special schools in the territory to participate in diversified sports activities during their leisure time in schools, with a view to achieving the following objectives:

- to cultivate an interest in sports among students so as to promote a sporting culture on campus;
- to encourage students to participate in sports on a regular basis and develop a healthy and active lifestyle;
- to raise the sport performance standard among students; and
- to identify potential student athletes for further training.

6. Around 90% of primary and secondary schools in Hong Kong have participated in SSP. From 2014-15 to 2016-17, the numbers of participating schools, student participants and sports activities organised are set out below:

	Number of participating schools	Number of sports activities organised	Number of student participants
2014-15	981	8 080	611 000
2015-16	981	8 138	611 500
2016-17	983	8 180	611 800

7. The LCSD estimates that a total of 8 400 sports activities will be organised with nearly 630 000 student participants in 2017-18.

School Sports Programme Coordinator Pilot Scheme

8. The School Sports Programme Coordinator (SSPC) Pilot Scheme jointly organised by the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) and the LCSD, co-organised by the Education Bureau and the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) was launched in the 2012/13 school year. The SSPC Pilot Scheme was implemented in local government and subsidised secondary schools where participating schools were subvented every year to employ retired athletes to organise sports activities for their students and to achieve the following aims:

- to give students more opportunities to participate in sports activities so as to further promote a sporting culture on campus;
- to raise the performance level of sports in schools and to identify students with sports potential; and
- to provide a platform for retired athletes to receive on-the-job training for further career development.

9. In the past five years, a total of 35 schools participated in the SSPC Pilot Scheme with around 80 new types of sports were introduced, 77 new school teams formed and about 100 students with potential referred to NSAs for further training.

Student Athlete Support Scheme

10. Since the 2013/14 school year, the HAB has launched the Student Athlete Support (SAS) Pilot Scheme jointly with the Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation (HKSSF) to provide financial support for students from low-income families to pay for personal sports equipment, transportation costs for training and competitions organised by the HKSSF, school squad coaching fees, as well as course fees and transportation costs for participating in HKSSF's Outreach Coaching Programme and the Joint Schools Sports Training Programme under LCSD's SSP.

11. Each eligible student may receive a maximum funding amount of \$3,000 per school year, whereas each school can receive a grant of up to

\$12,000 per year. Details of the SAS Pilot Scheme from the 2014/15 to 2016/17 school years are as follows -

	Number of participating schools	Number of student beneficiaries	Funding amount (\$ million)
2014/15	489	13 815	4.71
2015/16	578	16 451	5.82
2016/17	603	17 823	6.25

Inter-School Sports Competitions

12. To provide a sports competition platform for student athletes, the HKSSF organises territory-wide inter-school sports competitions for primary and secondary schools every year. There are totally 14 sports and 24 sports for primary schools and for secondary schools respectively. During the school years from 2014/15 to 2016/17, an annual average of over 125 000 student athletes registered for inter-school sports competitions.

Sports Participated by Student Athletes and their Achievements

The 29th Summer Universiade

13. The Taipei 29th Summer Universiade took place in Taipei from 19 to 30 August 2017, with the participation of over 7 600 student athletes from 131 countries and regions.

14. A total of 153 athletes from the Hong Kong, China Delegation participated in 14 sports, fetching a total of 4 medals, comprising 2 gold and 2 bronze. This is the best result of the Delegation in this multi-sport event so far. Details of which are as follows -

Athlete	Event	Result
Siobhan Bernadette HAUGHEY	Swimming - Women's 100m Freestyle	Gold medal
Siobhan Bernadette HAUGHEY	Swimming - Women's 200m Freestyle	Gold medal
WONG Chun-hun, YEUNG Pak-long	Tennis - Men's Doubles	Bronze medal
MOK Uen-ying Juanita	Wushu - Women's all-round Taijiquan & Taijijian	Bronze medal

The 13th National Student Sports Games of the Peoples' Republic of China

15. The 13th National Student Sports Games was held from 4 to 16 September 2017 in Hangzhou of Zhejiang Province. Over 5 000 student athletes from 34 provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities participated in the Games this year.

16. The Hong Kong Schools Delegation, comprising 61 athletes, participated in 5 sports, namely athletics, football (male), swimming, table tennis and wushu. The Delegation fetched 1 gold, 1 silver and 4 bronze, making up 6 medals in total. Details of which are as follows -

Athlete	Event	Result
NG Yu-hin Michael	Swimming - Men's 200m Breaststroke	Gold medal
	Swimming - Men's 100m Breaststroke	Silver medal
LO Cheuk-chun	Swimming - Men's 100m Butterfly	Bronze medal
FONG Ching-yuen NG Yu-hin Michael LO Cheuk-chun WU Tsz-hei	Swimming - Men's 4x100m Medley Relay	Bronze medal
LEUNG Ho-ching	Swimming - Women's 200m Butterfly	Bronze medal
LEUNG Yat-sing	Wushu - Men's Taijijian	Bronze medal

Major Sports Events

17. The HAB is committed to promoting Hong Kong as a prime destination for hosting major international sports events. Ever since the establishment of the "M" Mark System in 2004 to support sports organisations to organise major sports events, both the number and scale of such events held in Hong Kong have been increasing. The number of "M" Mark events increased from 4 in 2005 to 13 in 2017. In addition, a number of large-scale sports events had been held in Hong Kong in 2017, including those activities in celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. As at December 2017, a total of 128 major sports events have been granted "M" Mark status with an approved funding amount of about \$113.48 million.

18. We will continue to enhance the existing funding mechanism to provide better support. Furthermore, we are now planning the Kai Tak Sports Park to provide world-class and multi-purpose venues for Hong Kong, thereby facilitating Hong Kong to bid for and hold more mega events.

Elite Sports Development

19. In recent years, Hong Kong athletes have been attaining great achievements in international competitions. Elite training has to be supported by scientific researches for further enhancing the performance of athletes. We will continue to support the HKSI in studying the strategy for enhancing the training of elite athletes and the supporting measures, including coaches' training, sports science, sports medicine and an injection of \$1 billion to the Elite Athletes Development Fund (EADF) to enhance the support for elite sports training. At present, about 1 300 athletes, of whom about 450 are full-time athletes, are receiving training at the HKSI.

Pilot Scheme for Elite Vote Support System for Disability Sports

20. We launched the Pilot Scheme for Elite Vote Support System for Disability Sports (the Disability Sports Elite Pilot Scheme) in December 2017 to provide more financial support for elite athletes with disabilities (AWDs) and elite sports, with the 2018 Asian Para Games as the testing ground to help our athletes to achieve better results. We will draw on the experience gained from the Disability Sports Elite Pilot Scheme when devising a long-term elite support scheme. An amount of \$30 million has been earmarked in the EADF for the implementation of the Disability Sports Elite Pilot Scheme. As of now, a total of 24 full-time and 20 part-time AWDs have been provided funding support under the Disability Sports Elite Pilot Scheme.

Five-year Development Programme for Team Sports

4. We have launched a five-year development programme in January 2018 to provide additional funding to the eight relevant NSAs to formulate and implement training programmes for Hong Kong representative teams to compete in the Asian Games as well as members of the Hong Kong representative teams, targeting the 2018 and 2022 Asian Games and with the aim of enhancing the performance of team sports progressively and increasing their chances of attaining elite sports status in future. Around 260 members of the Hong Kong team will benefit from the programme every year. An annual funding of over \$20 million is earmarked under the Arts and Sport Development Fund for the implementation of the development programme, making a total funding of around \$130 million in five years.