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10 June 2020

Mr. Anthony CHU  
Clerk to the Public Accounts Committee  
Legislative Council

Dear Mr. CHU

**Re: Public Accounts Committee  
Consideration of Chapter 2 of the  
Director of Audit's Report No. 74**

**Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China**

In response to your letter dated 8 June 2020, I now enclose the required information and documents to facilitate the Public Accounts Committee's consideration of Chapter 2 of the Director of Audit's Report No. 74.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely

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(a)

(i) The individual nomination forms of the two athletes are attached for restricted reference (Appendix a\_i) (English version only).

(ii) The following information are submitted by HKASA:

HKASA received SF&OC's circular regarding the nomination and accreditation application of 18th Asian Games on 9 March 2018 (submission deadline was 9 April 2018). In recognition and understanding the huge task for SF&OC to handle all the NSAs nominated athletes for the accreditation application, HKASA issued two letters to all clubs concerning the 18th Asian Games on the same day (i.e. 14 March 2018).

**Letter with ref. no. 2018030012**

1. The purpose of this letter is to invite all clubs to nominate **potential** swimmers to submit the **accreditation application** for the said Asian Games, and the submission deadline was set on 29 March 2018;
2. Since the Festival of Sports Long Course Swimming Time Trial was one of the qualification meets for Asian Games, in consideration of the Hong Kong swimmers' ranking may change after this competition, and based on the rule of Asian Games with each NOC may enter two (2) athletes in each individual event, HKASA extended the invitation, to invite swimming clubs to nominate swimmers who **rank top 4 in each individual event** during the period from 15 April 2017 to 14 March 2018 and fulfilling the rest of the nomination criteria for apply the accreditation of the Games;
3. HKASA stated clearly at the end of the letter that HKASA would base on the nomination forms attached with the letter with the submission deadline on 16 April 2018 to shortlist (i.e. ref. no. 2018030013).
4. HKASA submitted the concerned documents for accreditation application to SF & OC on 9 April 2018 for their **preparation of applying accreditation for Asian Games**.

**Letter with ref. No. 2018030013**

1. This letter is the actual call for nomination letter to invite affiliated clubs to nominate swimmers for participating the Games, therefore, the criterion of "rank top 4 in the event nominated" was not applicable;
2. HKASA is based on the nomination form with result attached with this letter to conduct the selection, the proposed shortlisted swimmers were sent to SF & OC on 19 April 2018 for their **selection**.

(iii) The following information are submitted by HKASA:

Hong Kong swimmer top 10 ranking for 50m and 100m Breaststroke in year 2017 &

**\*Note by Clerk, PAC:** *Appendix a\_i not attached.*

2018 is attached for reference (Appendix a\_iii) (English version only).

(b)

The competitions mentioned in selection criteria 1(a) are either Multi-Sports Games hosted by Olympic Council of Asia (OCA), or highest-level competitions hosted by IF/AF, International Multi-sports Organizations recognized by International Olympic Committee (IOC) or General Administration of Sport. Being a member of IOC and OCA, SF&OC applies an equal standing for all these competitions, athletes will be selected as a member of Hong Kong, China Delegation once they can fulfil any of the items mentioned in selection criteria 1(a).

(c)

According to Olympic Charter and arrangement to participate in International Multi-Sports Games, SF&OC and NSAs have their own autonomy and uniqueness. The selection of athletes to participate in International Multi-Sports Games shall be conducted in two parts: (i) nomination from NSAs and (ii) selection from SF&OC. Thus, NSAs shall set their criteria based on their uniqueness, while the SF&OC Selection Committee will base on a set of objective criteria, which can be universally applied to all types of sports, in order to provide a fair and standardised consideration.

(d)

(i) Since the NSAs can request for unlimited number of reviews, the Secretariat will circulate these requests to Selection Committee Members once certain number of requests are received for their quick response. As NSAs may submit their review requests in different period of time, it is not possible for the Selection Committee to fix the meeting schedule ahead. With the basic information of the reviews have been well discussed in the earlier Selection Committee Meeting, members of Selection Committee will mainly consider the additional information and supporting grounds given by the NSA concerned.

The extract of the review paper relating to Case 1 is attached (Appendix d\_i) (English version only).

(ii) NSAs, according to their unique situation, can submit their review requests to Selection Committee or direct appeal to International Multi-Sports Games Appeal Panel according to their own schedule at anytime before the deadline of Entry. Once SF&OC receives such request, it will be handled at once with reference to Organizing Committee timetable (e.g. deadline of Entry by Name, etc).

(iii) The information provided by the NSA in relation to the review for Athlete I received

**\*Note by Clerk, PAC: Appendices a\_iii and d\_i not attached.**

by the Selection Committee is attached for restricted reference (Appendix d\_iii) (English version or Chinese version only).

(iv) The reply slips received from members of the Selection Committee in respect of Athlete I's review request are attached for restricted reference (Appendix d\_iv)(10 members remained not to accept the 3 swimming athletes, 1 declared conflict of interest and abstained from voting on this issue, and 4 did not show their views (including the Chair of the Selection Committee)) (English version only).

(v) The joint statement made on 26 August 2018 by the swimming athletes of Hong Kong, China Delegation participating in the 18<sup>th</sup> Asian Games is attached for reference (Appendix d\_v)(Chinese version published in a local newspaper)

**\*Note by Clerk, PAC: Appendices d\_iii, d\_iv and d\_v not attached.**