

SPORTS FEDERATION & OLYMPIC COMMITTEE OF HONG KONG, CHINA

2nd November, 1999.

The Hon. Timothy Fok, S.B.S., J.P.
Chairman, Bills Committee on
HKSDB(Amendment) Bill 1999
Legislative Council
Legislative Council Building
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Central, Hong Kong

Dear Mr. Fok

Hong Kong Sports Development Board (Amendment) Bill 1999

I refer to your letter of 26th October, 1999 on the above subject.

The general views from the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China are best reflected in the minutes of the two meetings held on 19th August, 1999 and 5th October, 1999. These are attached. A summary is outlined below:-

- (i) As a public organization, SDB has been a top heavy set-up whereby the staff and administration costs outweigh the funding for actual sports development. Enquires into senior management staff and coaches' salaries and associated benefit packages by the Legislative Council, the Federation and members of the public have all fallen on the deaf ears of the SDB management. For months, despite repeated requires made through HAB, a reply is still outstanding.
- (ii) The additional of one more member from the SF&OC on the Board does not serve the purpose of reflecting truly NSAs' views and needs. One such example is the "random auditing" topic which may have been recommended by ICAC, but which was interpreted as "required" by the SDB management in order to coerce the NSAs to follow this recommendation as a "must do" requirement.

(iii) The appointment of Board Members is made by the SAR Government and not by election. It does not rule out the distinct possibility that members so appointed, who are usually distinguished personalities in the community, may not have full knowledge and up-to-date awareness of the needs, desires, and ambitions of NSAs. We refer you to SDB's "interpretation" of Athletics including only track and field, but not marathon or distant running in the last selection exercise of "Focus Sports". The incident became a laughing stock within and outside the sports community. Hence, our Federation and its members pushed very strongly for 1/3 of Board Members to be elected from NSAs. The addition of one more SF&OC member certainly will not assist this cause.

In summary, the "Bill" should be amended to suit the changing Hong Kong SAR environment after 1997 and should also take into account long term sports development in Hong Kong. It should not be treated as a side issue, arising from the abolition of the two Municipal Councils.

This document is also jointly signed by the SF&OC and NSAs officials listed on the attached sheet.

With best regards

Yours sincerely

PANG Chung

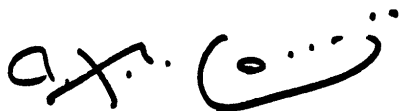
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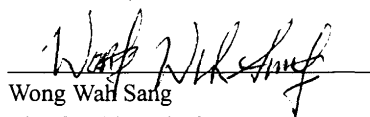
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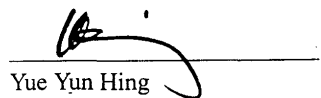
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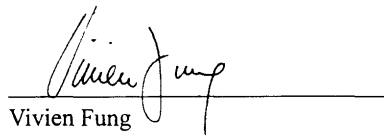
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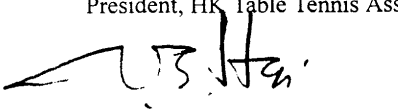
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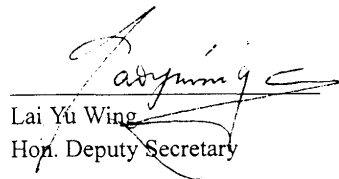
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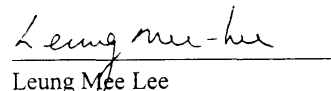
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第一次體育架構會議記錄撮要

民政事務局於一九九九年八月十九日，在市政局大樓三樓召開閉門會議，與港協代表及多個體育總會代表會晤，討論有關本港體育行政架構，特別是討論有關文化藝術及康樂體育服務顧問報告，以及一九九九年香港藝術發展局（修訂）條例草案等問題。在這次會議中，民政事務局共有三位官員：局長藍鴻震先生，兩位副局長，張寶德先生及伍錫漢先生出席，聽取體育界意見。

體育界對於康體局修訂條例的反應是負面的，他們已在立法局首讀前去信立法會表示反對。在這次會議中，各體育總會皆發表了他們對整個體育行政架構的建議及意見，亦表達了對康體局整體不滿的地方。

有關重組康體局成員條例，即由現議會成員十三人增至十七人，有些總會認為只是增加一位港協成員是不足夠的，亦有些總會認為重組議會與否並不是重點，最重要的是有一個真正能發揮功能的組織為香港體育工作，簡而言之，是要有一個精簡的受薪職員行政架構。他們更提出新的議會領導下的體育架構在功能上是要比現時的有效率，要重視各體育的發展，尊重各體育總會，能善用公帑以及改善現時對體育總會的資源分配。

民政事務局在今次會議中作出回應，否定取消康體局，因為它是自一九九零年已存在的一個法定機構，反對修憲不但不會令它消失，還會阻礙體育進展，所以絕不能殺局。另外，藍局長亦強調若反對修訂法例，康體局成員數目只會保持現狀，維持不變。不過，重組後，港協的當然議員會由十三份之一變為十七份之二，他稱這樣其實已加強了港協的代表性。當然，政府亦不排除增加體育總會人仕委任為康體局委員。最後，藍局長亦指出當兩個市政局解散後，一個新的文化康樂事務署可能會出現。在這時候，政府會擔當統籌的角色，他更確保新署和重組後的康體局職員在運作上會更協調，更有效地和總會更有溝通。藍局長亦承諾就康體局職員薪水問題以及增加港協在當然議席等事作出跟進。

註：到執筆為止，有關港協要求局方回答康體局職員薪金問題一事，局方仍沒有任何回覆。

第二次體育架構會議記錄撮要

民政事務局於一九九九年十月五日，在修頓中心召開了會議，與港協代表及兩個體育總會代表再一次會晤，討論有關本港體育行政架構一事。這次會議中，民政事務局也共有三位官員出席，局長藍鴻震先生，兩位副局長，張寶德先生以及伍錫漢先生，但藍鴻震先生因有其他要事要提前離開，所以會議由兩位副局長主持。

在這會議中，體育界明確地表明新的體育架構是必要存在的，亦再提出：第一，康體局是沒有應存在的理由。第二，在修憲中，能將港協及總會代表在康體局董事局成員的人數增加至三分之一，這樣能避免外行人領導行內人的情況發生。第三，總會亦提議在資源分配方面，港協應扮演一個審核，批核，決策的角色，並希望政府作出更好的決策，對總會意見作出合理的回應，解決現時存在的重疊架構問題，令本地體育界更加有福。

對於有關的意見，民政事務局의 回應是：否定取消康體局，並表明修憲不代表全面改革，更提出增加港協議員在康體局成員這一事不一定在修憲時做，可以在委任議員時才做。在會議中，副局長張寶德先生更向大家介紹新的體育架構，架構的主導思想是將體育分為專業，精英體育及普及體育，將來精英體育會由康體局負責，普及就由一個新的部門負責，而民政局的功能和現時差不多，不同的是民政局除了分配資源到康體局外，也建議會分配部份資源直接到港協。