

Hong Kong Muay Thai Association A member of SF & OC

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The Clerk
Panel of Planning, Lands, and Works
Legislative Council
HKSAR
Your Ref:CBI/PL/PLW
Dear Sir/ Madam,

Re: Written Submission

On behalf of the Hong Kong Muay Thai Association, we are honoured to have your invitation on the "Kai Tak Planning Review" issue.

Today, we are delighted to learn that stage I of the Public Participation has been reported and we are now moving into stage II of the Public Participation. Amongst the Three Outline Concept Plans (OCP), The City in the Park, The Kai Tak Glamour, and The Sports by Harbour, no doubt that we support and in favour of the third Concept-The Sports by Harbour.

We are not going to discuss the needs for a New Multi-Purpose Stadium. The recommendations and all relevant studies have been well defined in the Legco Consultation Papers. This is a detailed examination and we trust that we cannot add any further than that.

Kai Tak is viewed as the most suitable location for a new stadium. In the old days, when Kai Tak was still an International Airport, we can recall that the traffic, location, surrounding areas were utilized for international purposes, and we believe this tradition could be carried on through the construction of the Multi-Purpose Stadium. Though we also anticipate that there would be slight changes in the local arrangement or re-arrangement, still, there can be room for improvement and better environment.

There will be three Stadiums, or, should we say two: the Main Stadium, the

Secondary Stadium and the Multi-Purpose Arena. All cover an area of 24 ha.. We

believe this should be sufficient for the development, training, or even strengthening

the sports in Hong Kong.

Being the authorized organization for Muay Thai (Thai Boxing), we do, particularly

give our concern to the international sport events. The Multi-Sports Arena, could

provide room for various sport activities with the professional standard of facility. We

are eager to put our athletes in the arena and enjoy all facilities.

There has been sound as to whether there is comment regarding the Planning

Principles for the future planning development of Kai Tak. We would say that we do.

We hope for a Stadium.

Apart from providing sport facilities to the public; the environment and even the

surrounding environment would be what the public expect, quiet and enjoyable.

There will be additional or new transport arrangement in the local area. We trust that,

as submitted earlier, such arrangements can only be better and more efficient.

Not to leave other issues aside, we understand that the aviation groups request an

airfield. We have learned that air sport is developing in other countries and we can

have that included in the stadium if possible.

Respectfully submitted.

Hong Kong Muay Thai Association

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