

ITEM FOR ESTABLISHMENT SUBCOMMITTEE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

**HEAD 53 – GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT :
HOME AFFAIRS BUREAU
Subhead 000 Operational expenses**

Members are invited to recommend to Finance Committee the creation of the following supernumerary post in the Home Affairs Bureau with effect from the date of approval by Finance Committee for a period of two years –

1 Administrative Officer Staff Grade C
(D2) (\$136,550 - \$149,350)

PROBLEM

We need dedicated staffing support at the directorate level in the Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) to take charge of the detailed planning of the Kai Tak Multi-purpose Sports Complex (MPSC) and a comprehensive policy review on Private Recreational Leases (PRLs).

PROPOSAL

2. We propose to create a supernumerary Administrative Officer Staff Grade C (AOSGC) (D2) post in HAB for a period of two years with effect from the date of approval by Finance Committee (FC).

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The MPSC

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3. The MPSC project will form part of the Kai Tak Development (KTD). It seeks to provide high-quality multi-purpose sports venues suitable for hosting major international events as well as sports facilities, recreational amenities and open space for the community. The complex will cover a total area of 28.2 hectares, including a 50 000-seat stadium with a retractable roof, a public sports ground for 5 000 spectators, an indoor sports centre for 4 000 spectators, a park, cycling trails and other ancillary facilities, as well as office accommodation and retail and dining outlets. It will be open to the public throughout the day, seven days a week. Further background with detailed information of the MPSC project together with a plan showing the initial reference layout proposed for the MPSC is at Enclosure 1.

4. We plan to seek the approval of the FC for funding the design and construction of the MPSC as a capital works project through the Public Works Programme under the Capital Works Reserve Fund. This funding approach is consistent with the construction of other public sports facilities in Hong Kong. We intend to engage a private sector operator to manage the complex, so as to harness the expertise and creativity of the private sector in managing major sports facilities. To help ensure the long-term operation of the MPSC is in tune with our policy objectives for sports development, we plan to enter into a contractual arrangement with the private sector operator that will allow us to exercise appropriate control.

5. We have consulted the Kowloon City, Kwun Tong and Wong Tai Sin District Councils, the Harbourfront Commission's Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development and representatives of the sports sector on the proposed scope of the MPSC. They support the project and have requested its early implementation. We report regularly to the Sports Commission on the progress of the MPSC project, and the Commission has established a task force to monitor the project.

6. The 50 000-seat stadium of the MPSC will meet the international standards for hosting major sports events, and will be designed with a view to maximising flexible use of the stadium for a variety of sports. The public sports ground for 5 000 spectators and the indoor sports centre for 4 000 spectators of the MPSC will provide the public with facilities for sports such as badminton, gymnastics, wushu, dancesport and table tennis. By providing high quality sports facilities that will help alleviate Hong Kong's shortage of public sports facilities and new venues suitable for hosting major local and international sports event, the

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MPSC will contribute to the realization of our policy objectives for sport. On a broader front, the MPSC which will also include a park, cycling trails, as well as office accommodation and retail and dining outlets, will provide further impetus to the development of East Kowloon. Given the size, scope and complexity of the project in the planning, development, construction and operation stages, intensive steering and input from a dedicated directorate officer will be required to ensure timely and effective delivery of the various tasks of the project. Furthermore, we require steer and supervision at the directorate level to lead a dedicated team to co-ordinate the detailed planning and development of the MPSC, to ensure a high level of stakeholder engagement and to liaise regularly with other relevant bureaux and departments on the interface with other projects at the KTD.

Policy Review on PRLs

7. We are currently renewing a total of 51 PRLs that expired in 2011 and 2012. As part of the renewal process, we require lessees to increase significantly the extent to which they open up the use of their sports facilities to eligible outside bodies. We are also putting in place a monitoring mechanism to ensure compliance with these requirements. We have undertaken that upon completion of the renewal of PRLs that expired in 2011 and 2012, we will conduct a comprehensive review of the existing policy on the granting and renewal of PRLs. The utilisation and access to facilities on PRL sites has become an issue with growing public concern. The Ombudsman conducted a direct investigation into the issue in 2012, and in its Report No. 61 issued in November 2013, the Audit Commission recommended that the Secretary for Home Affairs should work on the policy review “without delay”.

8. At present, there are 69 PRLs, held by 49 organisations. We have been working with each of the individual lessees to identify how to increase access by eligible outside bodies to their sports facilities. We have also designed a process whereby we can effectively monitor the implementation of the individual schemes through the review of quarterly reports submitted by lessees as well as by making random checks. We have also been informing sports associations, schools and non-governmental organisations of the sports facilities available on PRL sites. We intend to provide assistance to the relevant organisations as well as PRL lessees in identifying the right facilities and time slots available that suit their needs so that the utilisation of lessees’ facilities by such organisations can be improved.

9. Given the unique circumstances of each PRL lessee (such as their nature and history of the organisation concerned, size and nature of membership, size and location of site and mix of facilities), the process of renewing the 51 PRLs that expired in 2011 and 2012 is taking much longer than originally envisaged. By the end of January 2014, only 17 PRLs have been renewed.

10. Whilst handling the renewal of the above lessees, we have started preparatory work for the comprehensive review of the existing policy on the granting and renewal of PRLs. In order to make good progress with the review, as well as to ensure the effective monitoring of the new requirements for lessees to open up further the use of their facilities to outside bodies, dedicated support at the directorate level is necessary.

Proposed Creation of one AOSGC Post

11. The MPSC project involves the development of a large site at the North Apron of the KTD. The detailed planning and implementation of the MPSC require close and high-level supervision. We will also need to manage carefully the interface with other major infrastructure projects under development at the KTD, such as the Mass Transit Railway Corporation's Sha Tin-Central Link and the Central Kowloon Route. Strong policy steer and analysis is required from an early stage, particularly in developing and implementing the procurement plan; supervising the master planning and design of the project; and managing the expert consultancy resources involved in the planning and delivery of the project.

12. The comprehensive review of the policy on PRLs, and monitoring of the requirement for lessees to allow greater public access to their sports facilities are two demanding tasks. Given the diverse background of PRL lessees and the strong public interest in matters relating to land use, the review is a complex and controversial exercise. In taking forward the policy review and implementing the review outcome, we will need to liaise regularly at the senior management levels with other concerned government agencies including the Lands Department, the Planning Department, the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau and the Development Bureau, as well as with PRL lessees and other stakeholders.

13. Having regard to the scale and importance of the relevant tasks, we consider that there is a clear need for a dedicated team in HAB, led by a directorate officer at AOSGC level, to take forward these initiatives. The officer heading the team should be sufficiently senior to manage these issues effectively, providing a high level of policy input and analysis, and liaising intensively and extensively at senior management level with government and non-governmental organisations.

14. We propose that a supernumerary AOSGC post, designated as Principal Assistant Secretary (Recreation and Sport)² (PAS(RS)²) be created in HAB for a period of two years with immediate effect upon the approval by the FC. PAS(RS)² will report to the Deputy Secretary in HAB (DSHA(2)) who oversees the Recreation and Sport (R&S) Branch. The proposed job description of the PAS(RS)² post is at Enclosure 2. HAB will review the continued need for the post in the light of the actual workload and progress of the two tasks concerned before the lapse of the post in 2016.

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/Non-directorate

Non-directorate Support

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15. PAS(RS)2 will be supported by three additional non-directorate staff, i.e., one Senior Architect, one Senior Engineer and one Personal Secretary I. One Senior Administrative Officer and two Senior Executive Officers will also be internally redeployed to support PAS(RS)2. The organisation chart of the R&S Branch showing the proposed posts is at Enclosure 3.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

16. We have examined the staffing position in the R&S Branch of the HAB and explored the possibility of identifying spare capacity to perform the duties of the proposed supernumerary AOSGC post. The Branch is in charge of all policy pertaining to sports development, and is headed by an Administrative Officer Staff Grade B, who is supported at directorate level by one AOSGC (PAS(RS)). There is no other directorate officer in the Branch. As the only PAS responsible for sports-related matters, PAS(RS) is heavily occupied with the existing schedule of work, which includes developing and implementing initiatives to promote the development of sport in Hong Kong. With its existing set-up, the Branch does not have the capacity to make good and timely progress with the implementation of the MPSC and the comprehensive review of the PRL policy whilst also delivering its other existing objectives.

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17. We have also examined whether the other seven AOSGCs responsible for different policy areas in HAB can absorb the proposed duties of the PAS(RS)2 post. These officers are working on a wide range of policy issues. It is operationally not feasible for them to take up the tasks of the proposed supernumerary AOSGC post without adversely affecting the performance of their duties. A dedicated AOSGC officer is therefore essential to provide a focused policy steer and collaborate effectively with different parties with a view to ensuring the timely planning and implementation of the MPSC project and the comprehensive review of the PRL policy. The detailed work schedules of the other seven AOSGCs in HAB are at Enclosure 4.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

18. The proposed creation of the supernumerary AOSGC post will entail an additional notional annual salary cost at mid-point of \$1,739,400. The full annual average staff cost, including salaries and staff on-cost, is \$2,503,000.

19. The additional notional annual salary cost at mid-point and the full annual average staff cost, including salaries and staff on-cost, for the three non-directorate staff mentioned in paragraph 15 above are \$2,664,240 and \$3,922,000 respectively.

20. We will include the necessary provision in the draft Estimates of relevant years to meet the cost of this proposal.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

21. We consulted the Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs on the above staffing proposal on 10 January and 17 February 2014. Members supported the creation of the proposed supernumerary post for two years to take forward the two initiatives.

BACKGROUND

22. The Government's policy objectives for developing sport in Hong Kong are: to promote sport in the community; to support elite sport; and to maintain and enhance Hong Kong's position as a centre for major international sports events. The Government provides sports facilities in accordance with our policy objectives for sports development and to address the needs of residents in individual districts. The Outline Zoning Plan for the KTD includes an MPSC that will be suitable for hosting major international events and that will have facilities for regular public use. Our policy on PRLs recognises the contribution that private sports clubs and other organisations operating facilities on land granted under PRLs have made to the promotion of sport in Hong Kong, whilst requiring these organisations to make their sports facilities available for regular use by eligible outside bodies.

ESTABLISHMENT CHANGES

23. The establishment changes in HAB for the past two years are as follows –

Establishment (Note)	Number of posts			
	Existing (as at 1 February 2014)	As at 1 April 2013	As at 1 April 2012	As at 1 April 2011
A	11 + (3) [#]	11 + (3)	11 + (3)	11 + (2)
B	64	62	60	57
C	164	157	154	141
Total	239 + (3)	230 + (3)	225 + (3)	209 + (2)

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Note:

A - ranks in the directorate pay scale or equivalent

B - non-directorate ranks, the maximum pay point of which is above MPS Point 33 or equivalent

C - non-directorate ranks, the maximum pay point of which is at or below MPS Point 33 or equivalent

() - number of supernumerary directorate posts

- as at 1 February 2014, there was no unfilled directorate post in HAB

CIVIL SERVICE BUREAU COMMENTS

24. The Civil Service Bureau supports the proposed creation of the supernumerary AOSGC post for a period of two years. The grading and ranking of the proposed post are considered appropriate having regard to the level and scope of responsibilities.

ADVICE OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON DIRECTORATE SALARIES AND CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

25. As the post is proposed on a supernumerary basis, its creation, if approved, will be reported to the Standing Committee on Directorate Salaries and Conditions of Service in accordance with the agreed procedure.

Home Affairs Bureau
February 2014

Planning of the Multi-purpose Sports Complex (MPSC)

Background

The Government's policy for developing sport in Hong Kong has three broad objectives: to promote sport in the community, to support elite sport, and to make Hong Kong a centre for major international sports events.

2. The Government provides sports facilities in accordance with our policy objectives for sports development. Whilst the redevelopment of the Hong Kong Sports Institute at Fo Tan has considerably improved the level of facilities available for supporting elite sport, we have a shortage of public sports facilities and also lack up-to-date venues that can host a wide range of indoor and outdoor major international sports events.

3. As regards **public sports facilities**, according to the parameters laid down in the Hong Kong Planning Standards and Guidelines (HKPSG), there is a general shortage of sports grounds and indoor sports centres in Hong Kong as a whole. In East Kowloon, specifically, based on the HKPSG standards and population projections for the three districts of Kowloon City, Kwun Tong and Wong Tai Sin we project that there will be a shortfall of three sports centres and one standard sports ground in East Kowloon by 2021. These facilities are well used by local residents in Hong Kong – sports grounds have usage rates of 100%, and that for the main arenas in indoor sports centres exceeds 80% in 2013. The provision of the MPSC will help address the shortfall of such facilities in East Kowloon.

4. With regard to **venues for staging major sports events**, we rely on aging facilities that are falling behind the standards expected by international athletes and event organisers in areas such as: spectator capacity and services; back-up services for media, sponsorship and corporate entertainment support facilities; and flexibility in terms of the types of event that the venues can host.

5. By providing high-quality sports facilities that will help alleviate Hong Kong's shortage of public sports facilities and new venues suitable for hosting major local and international sports events, the MPSC will directly and significantly contribute to the realisation of our policy objectives for sport. On a broader front, the MPSC will provide further impetus to the development of East Kowloon, similar to the way in which the London Olympic Park is the focus of regenerating part of East London.

6. In January 2012, in order to gain a clearer perspective of stakeholders' views on the planning and development of the MPSC, we invited non-binding expressions of interest (EOI) in the project. In response, we received 42 submissions from the architectural, construction, sports, entertainment and financial sectors. Respondents welcomed the proposal to develop a multi-purpose sports complex at Kai Tak, and there was considerable interest in the scope of the project and the timetable for development. A summary of the submissions is available on the HAB website <<http://www.hab.gov.hk/mpsc>>.

Financing of the MPSC

7. In order to assess the possible advantages of inviting private sector investment in the MPSC to reduce the overall capital cost of the project and to provide more innovative and creative management of the complex, we have conducted consultancy studies on the potential funding and procurement options for the project. We have also taken note of the fact that although some of the responses to the EOI exercise suggested that there may be private sector interest in a modest level of investment respondents generally felt that the project would require the Government to provide most or all of the capital cost for the project to be viable. Our consultancy studies found that full commercial funding of the MPSC would not be viable and that any private sector participation options would be financially viable only if the Government were to shoulder all the capital costs and guarantee the private sector a return on equity.

8. In the light of the feedback from the EOI exercise and our consultant's findings, we have concluded that construction of the MPSC should be funded through the Public Works Programme (PWP) and that the private sector should be involved in the long-term operation of the complex. This approach will offer the greatest certainty in terms of achieving our project objectives whilst also harnessing the expertise and creativity of the private sector. To help ensure that the long-term operation of the MPSC is in tune with our policy objectives for sports development, when engaging a private sector operator to run the complex we plan to enter a contractual arrangement with the operator that will allow us to exercise appropriate controls. This arrangement should create incentives for the operator to run the MPSC as a lively and attractive venue that would allow easy public access to sports and other facilities whilst also catering for a programme of regular world-class sports and entertainment events. There are a number of companies world-wide that have relevant experience and expertise in managing sports complexes and securing international events. We do not foresee any difficulty in identifying a suitable operator for the MPSC.

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MPSC Project Scope

Annex I

9. The MPSC will provide high-quality international sports venues as well as sports facilities and open space for the community. The site plan of the MPSC is at Annex I. The site is currently zoned as “Other Specified Uses (Stadium)” (marked in red in Annex I) and “Open Space (1)” (marked in orange at Annex I) in the Kai Tak Outline Zoning Plan. We also plan to develop at the same time an adjoining “Open Space” site (marked in blue at Annex I), which would complement the facilities at the MPSC site and which would otherwise likely remain vacant, thereby affecting the public’s access to and enjoyment of the MPSC.

10. With a mixture of sports facilities, open space, park features, office accommodation and retail and dining outlets, the MPSC will be open to the public throughout the day, seven days a week. The scope of the project comprises the development of the following facilities on a site of 28.2 hectares at the North Apron of the Kai Tak Development –

- a 50 000-seat stadium with a retractable roof;
- a public sports ground with permanent seating for 5 000 spectators, suitable for jogging, athletics training and competitions, and football and rugby matches;
- an indoor sports centre with a main arena with permanent seating for 4 000 spectators and a secondary arena with seating for 400 spectators to accommodate sports such as basketball, volleyball, badminton, table tennis and wushu;
- office space of at least 10 000 square metres;
- commercial space of at least 31 500 square metres to accommodate retail and food and beverage outlets;
- park features such as children’s play areas, tai chi areas, fitness stations and jogging trails;
- cycling trails connecting with the wider cycling network in the Kai Tak Development;
- a landscaped garden with covered seating;
- a grass area with shade and seating; and
- ancillary facilities such as lavatories, baby care rooms and store rooms.

11. The 50 000-seat stadium will meet the international standards for hosting major sports events, and will be designed with a view to maximising flexible use of the stadium for a variety of sports. The public sports ground will provide the public with facilities for sports such as athletics, football, and the indoor sports centre will cater for sports such as badminton, gymnastics, martial arts, dancesport and table tennis. Similar to the new Hong Kong Velodrome at Tseung Kwan O, the MPSC will be set in an environment that will include a large amount of open space and park features for the public's casual enjoyment. We have considered carefully whether there is justification for providing a swimming-pool at the MPSC. There are already several swimming facilities in East Kowloon, including the newly renovated Kwun Tong Swimming Pool, swimming-pool complexes at Kowloon Tsai and Morse Park, and indoor facilities at Hammer Hill Road and Lam Tin. We therefore do not see any justification for the additional expenditure that would be required to include a swimming-pool at the MPSC.

Annex II

12. The planned installation of a retractable roof on the main stadium aims to provide scope for a wide range of events and to protect the playing surface during adverse weather conditions. The related technology is familiar to stadium architects, and there are many successful examples of stadia with retractable roofs in other parts of the world. The current indicative master layout plan for the MPSC is at Annex II. Some responses from the EOI exercise indicated that it would be of long-term value to increase the office and commercial area. We would give due consideration to this aspect.

Use of the MPSC

13. Our intention is that the public should have easy access to the MPSC and that the public sports facilities should be available for use at charges comparable to those for facilities run by Leisure and Cultural Services Department. We expect the usage rates for these public sports facilities to be high, based on the high demand for such sports facilities in East Kowloon - and indeed Hong Kong as a whole.

14. We also expect a good usage rate for the 50 000-seat stadium. We note that major stadia elsewhere in the world typically host 20 to 30 major event days per year, with average attendances ranging from 50% to over 70%. Examples include Wembley Stadium in England, the Millennium Stadium in Wales and the Stade de France. The profile of events for the Hong Kong Stadium in the 2012-13 sports season shows that there were 32 event days. Our aim is that the design of the 50 000-seat stadium will allow for a greater range of events than the Hong Kong Stadium, and although priority should be given to hosting sports events, there is also scope for large-scale entertainment events, such as stadium pop concerts, and exhibitions to be held at the venue.

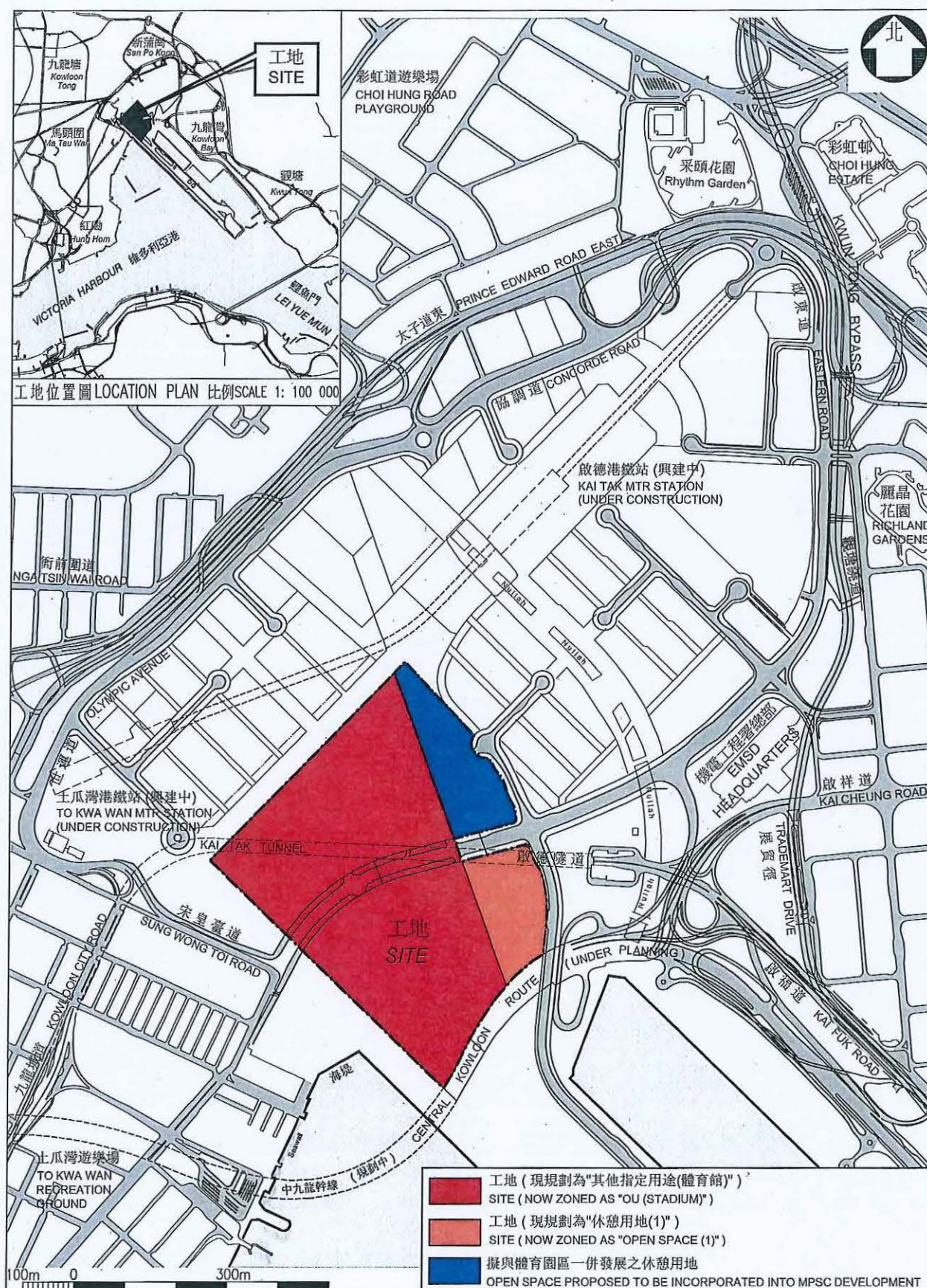
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Interface with other infrastructure projects

15. Kai Tak Development (KTD) is a huge and highly complex development project spanning a total planning area of over 320 hectares covering the ex-airport site together with the adjoining hinterland districts of Kowloon City, Wong Tai Sin and Kwun Tong. It will provide land for a mix of community, housing, business, tourism and infrastructural uses and an extensive open space network of some 100 hectares including the Metro Park, the Station Square and the Sung Wong Toi Park. A number of infrastructure projects will be in progress at the same time as the MPSC, including the construction of Shing Kai Road (Road D2) and Shing Fung Road (Road D3), the District Cooling System, the Shatin to Central Link, and the Central Kowloon Route. In addition, the Civil and Engineering Development Department (CEDD) is conducting the Stage 2 Public Consultation on the Environmentally Friendly Linkage System (EFLS), proposing a detailed feasibility study to commence in early 2015 for completion by 2017 before a decision is made on the proposed EFLS. CEDD will separately brief the Panel on the subject in mid-2014. We need to ensure that there will be a smooth interface between these projects and the pre-construction and construction works on the MPSC.

Public Consultation

16. In recent months, we have consulted the Kowloon City, Kwun Tong and Wong Tai Sin District Councils, the Harbourfront Commission's Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development and representatives of the sports sector on the proposed scope of the MPSC. They support the project and have requested its early implementation. We also report regularly to the Sports Commission on progress, and the Commission has established a task force to monitor and give advice on the project



PROJECT TITLE 項目名稱
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MULTI-PURPOSE SPORTS COMPLEX (MPSC) AT KAI TAK
啟德體育園區

SITE PLAN 工地平面圖



ARCHITECTURAL
SERVICES
DEPARTMENT 建築署



**Job Description of
Principal Assistant Secretary (Recreation and Sport) 2**

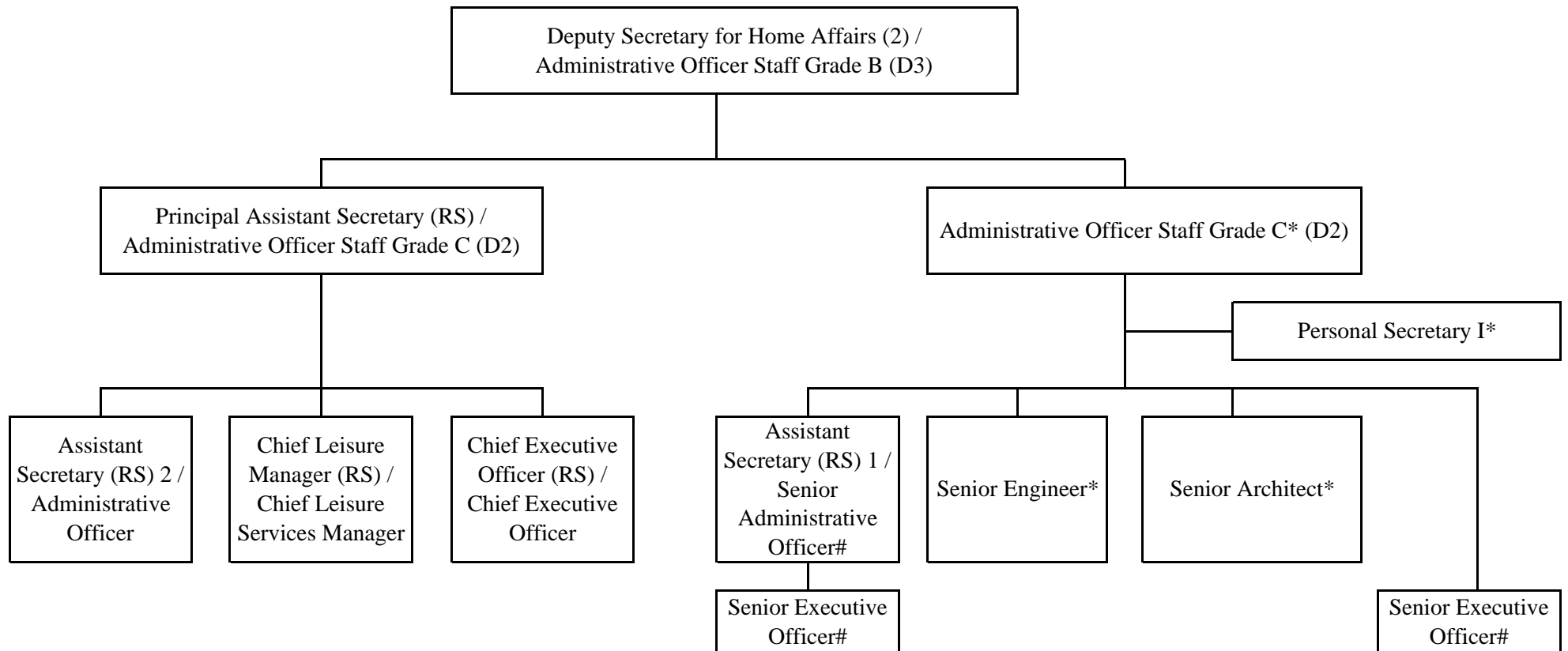
Rank : Administrative Officer Staff Grade C (D2)

Responsible to : Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs (2)

Main Duties and Responsibilities –

1. To steer and coordinate with all parties concerned the detailed planning and implementation of the Multi-purpose Sports Complex (MPSC) project at Kai Tak.
2. To provide policy input and strategic analysis in relation to the development of the project, and to identify potential obstacles and recommend practical and timely solutions to senior officers.
3. To implement a procurement and financing plan that will help ensure the long-term viability and value for money of the MPSC.
4. To monitor the progress of master planning, design and construction to ensure timely delivery of the project and supervise the event planning for the various venues at the MPSC.
5. To monitor the implementation of schemes to allow greater public access to lessees' facilities under the terms of the Private Recreational Leases (PRLs).
6. To follow up on the recommendations of the comprehensive policy review on PRLs.
7. To oversee the planning of new public sports facilities and other land matters relating to sports and recreational use.

Proposed Organisation Chart of the Recreation & Sport Branch, Home Affairs Bureau



Note:

* Proposed time-limited posts to be created.

Posts redeployed internally to support the proposed Administrative Officer Staff Grade C.

**Duties and Responsibilities of
the Other Principal Assistant Secretaries in the Home Affairs Bureau**

- (1) PAS(Civic Affairs)1 is responsible for youth matters (including subventions for the uniformed groups), Youth Square, Service Corps, Youth Hostel, civic education and national education outside schools, non-charitable fund-raising permits under the Summary Offences Ordinance, postage stamp policy, volunteerism policy and Neighbourhood Level Community Development Projects. The officer is also appointed as the secretary to the Commission on Youth and the Committee on the Promotion of Civic Education.
- (2) PAS(Civic Affairs)2 is responsible for legal aid and free legal advice policy matters, family matters, maintenance and wills. The officer is also responsible for housekeeping matters of the Legal Aid Department and subventions for the Duty Lawyer Service and the Legal Aid Services Council, and is appointed as the secretary to the Family Council.
- (3) PAS(Civic Affairs)3 is responsible for gambling policy, social enterprises policy, information policy, entertainment licensing, matters relating to public sector advisory and statutory bodies, liaison with religious bodies, and matters relating to the Board of Management of the Chinese Permanent Cemeteries and the Chinese Temples Committee. The officer is also responsible for the Trust Fund in Support of Reconstruction in the Sichuan Earthquake Stricken Areas, and the Secretary for Home Affairs Incorporated properties and trust funds, and is appointed as the secretary to the Betting and Lotteries Commission, the Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee and the Social Enterprise Advisory Committee, as well as responsible for overseeing the operation of the public affairs forum.
- (4) PAS(Community Care Fund) is responsible for leading the Community Care Fund (CCF) Secretariat in taking forward the initiative of the CCF, liaising closely with relevant bureaux and departments as well as stakeholders on supporting the CCF Task Force and the Commission on Poverty, engaging the public and stakeholders in mapping out the assistance programmes under the CCF. The officer is also responsible for ensuring prudent deployment of funds from the CCF for meeting its overall objective, and implementing the CCF programmes, in particular those which assist people who could not benefit from the Government's short-term relief measures.

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- (5) PAS(Culture)1 is responsible for policy on arts and cultural software, funding and development of performing arts policy, the Arts Development Fund, subventions for major performing arts groups, and cultural exchange between Hong Kong and the Mainland, Macao and Taiwan (including the “Mainland/HK Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement” and the Hong Kong – Taiwan Cultural Co-operation Committee). The officer is also responsible for the Sub-committee on Funding for Performing Arts and the Sub-committee on Arts Education under the Advisory Committee on Arts Development; the arts portion and the portion related to the Hong Kong Arts Development Council of the Arts and Sport Development Fund; as well as housekeeping of the Hong Kong Arts Development Council and the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts.

- (6) PAS(Culture)2 is responsible for policies on public and private museums, public libraries, public art with regard to visual arts, planning of cultural and performance facilities of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), intangible cultural heritage and development of Cantonese Opera, as well as cultural exchange between Hong Kong and other countries. The officer is also responsible for matters relating to the Hong Kong Jockey Club Music and Dance Fund, the Lord Wilson Heritage Trust and the Hong Kong Arts Centre.

- (7) PAS(West Kowloon Cultural District) is responsible for monitoring the performance of the West Kowloon Cultural District Authority (WKCDA) in fulfillment of its objectives and roles as stated in the WKCDA Ordinance and overseeing the interface issues between arts and cultural facilities operated by WKCDA and those operated by LCSD, as well as liaising with WKCDA to oversee the institutional set-up and establishment of the governance mechanism for museum and performing arts venues. The officer is also responsible for monitoring the progress in planning of programmes and services by WKCDA for the opening of Phase 1 facilities in WKCD and overseeing WKCDA’s policy and work in nurturing local arts talents, engaging stakeholders and building up audiences, as well as housekeeping of WKCDA.
