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**Panel on Home Affairs**

**Minutes of meeting**  
**held on Friday, 27 August 2021, at 10:45 am**  
**in Conference Room 2 of the Legislative Council Complex**

**Members present** : Hon LEUNG Che-cheung, SBS, MH, JP (Chairman)  
Hon Michael TIEN Puk-sun, BBS, JP  
Hon YIU Si-wing, SBS  
Hon MA Fung-kwok, GBS, JP  
Hon KWOK Wai-keung, JP  
Hon Jimmy NG Wing-ka, BBS, JP  
Dr Hon Junius HO Kwan-yiu, JP  
Hon Holden CHOW Ho-ding  
Hon SHIU Ka-fai, JP  
Hon Wilson OR Chong-shing, MH  
Hon YUNG Hoi-yan, JP  
Dr Hon Pierre CHAN  
Hon LUK Chung-hung, JP  
Hon LAU Kwok-fan, MH, JP  
Hon Kenneth LAU Ip-keung, BBS, MH, JP  
Hon Vincent CHENG Wing-shun, MH, JP

**Member absent** : Hon WONG Kwok-kin, GBS, JP (Deputy Chairman)

**Member attending** : Hon Steven HO Chun-yin, BBS, JP

**Public Officers attending** : Item III

Mr Caspar TSUI Ying-wai, JP  
Secretary for Home Affairs

Mr YEUNG Tak-keung, JP  
Commissioner for Sports  
Home Affairs Bureau

Mr Henry WONG Yau-kuen  
Assistant Director (Leisure Services)2 (Acting)  
Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Mr Ashley LEUNG Pak-wai  
Principal Education Officer (Curriculum Development)2  
Education Bureau

Item IV

Mr Caspar TSUI Ying-wai, JP  
Secretary for Home Affairs

Mr YEUNG Tak-keung, JP  
Commissioner for Sports  
Home Affairs Bureau

Hong Kong Sports Institute

Dr Trisha LEAHY  
Chief Executive

Mr Tony CHOI  
Deputy Chief Executive

Mr Raymond SO  
Director, Elite Training Science & Technology

Ms Monita HO  
Associate Director (Estate Office)

Dennis Lau & Ng Chun Man Architects & Engineers (HK)  
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Mr Arthur Au  
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Mr Francis YAU  
Executive Director

Beria Consultants Limited

Ms Amelia FOK  
Director

WSP (Hong Kong) Limited

Mr Ivan CHAN  
Associate Director, Building MEP China Region

**Clerk in attendance** : Ms Joanne MAK  
Chief Council Secretary (4) 7

**Staff in attendance** : Mr Raymond SZETO  
Senior Council Secretary (4) 6

Miss Kitty LEUNG  
Council Secretary (4) 7

Miss Vivian YUEN  
Legislative Assistant (4) 8

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**I. Information paper(s) issued since the last meeting**

Members noted that no information paper had been issued since the last meeting.

**II. Date of the next meeting and items of discussion**  
[LC Paper Nos. CB(4)1418/20-21(01) and (02)]

2. The Panel agreed to discuss the item "Fund to enhance competitiveness of athletes" proposed by the Administration at the next regular meeting on 27 September 2021 at 10:45 am.

*(Post-meeting note: the Administration subsequently proposed and the Chairman agreed to add the item "Consultancy study on provision of sports facilities in Hong Kong" to the regular meeting on 27 September 2021. The revised agenda was issued to members on 21 September 2021 vide LC Paper No. CB(4)1551/20-21.)*

3. Mr MA Fung-kwok suggested that the Panel should discuss the co-hosting of the 2025 National Games of China ("NG") by Hong Kong with Guangdong and Macao. Mr Vincent CHENG suggested that the Panel should discuss measures to promote the development of the sports industry in the light of the Chief Executive's recent announcement of the Government's plan in this regard. The Chairman said that he would discuss members' suggestions with the Administration.

### **III. Promotion of sports development in schools**

[LC Paper No. CB(4)1418/20-21(03) and (04)]

4. At the invitation of the Chairman, the Secretary for Home Affairs ("SHA") briefed members on the salient points of the Administration's paper [LC Paper No. CB(4)1418/20-21(03)].

#### Discussion

##### *Physical Education ("PE") Curriculum in schools*

5. Mr Vincent CHENG, Mr Wilson OR and Mr Holden CHOW opined that the present allocation of lesson time for PE in primary and junior secondary levels, at only 5% to 8% (i.e. around 80 to 120 minutes per week) of the total lesson time, was insufficient. They urged the Administration to consider increasing the time allocation for PE as well as sports for students both on campus and off campus, and promoting regular exercising for at least 30 minutes a day. Noting that physical classes had only partially resumed due to the COVID-19 epidemic, Ms YUNG Hoi-yan enquired how the Administration would encourage exercising amongst students and keep track of their physical activities.

6. SHA shared members' view that encouraging students to develop an interest in sports would be beneficial to students' physical and mental well-being. He, however, pointed out that the Education Bureau ("EDB") also had a lot of curriculum reform in the pipeline, and the allocation of lesson time had to be well balanced. Principal Education Officer (Curriculum Development)2, EDB ("PEO(CD)2/EDB") said that a "multi-pronged and co-ordinated" approach had all along been adopted to promote a sporting culture in schools through PE lessons, various co-curricular sports activities and sport training after schools, to which PE teachers, sports coaches and "national sports associations" ("NSAs") played an important role. On top of the existing 5% to 8% total lesson time allocated to PE lessons, schools could flexibly allocate more time for PE lessons or co-curricular sports activities according to the school context. Most importantly, the existing 5% to 8% allocation of PE lesson time was not a ceiling per se. Without

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consensus from the school sector, EDB would not mandate an increase in the allocation of PE lesson time. Otherwise, it would lengthen the daily lesson hours and hamper students' participation in co-curricular sports activities.

*Provision of sports facilities in schools and the Opening up School Facilities for the Promotion of Sports Development Scheme ("the Scheme")*

7. The Chairman enquired whether the Administration would strengthen the provision of sports facilities in school construction projects. He opined that the Administration should work with schools to fully utilize on-campus facilities for purposes of conducting sports training/programmes (e.g. the design of assembly halls should enable them to be used as sports venues on a need basis).

8. PEO(CD)2/EDB said that adequate provision of sports facilities for PE lessons was a factor in planning for new school projects. Facilities in schools such as assembly halls were planned as multi-purpose facilities which were used as venues for various sports. In addition, schools were used to using the public sports venues of Leisure and Cultural Services Department ("LCSD") for conducting physical activities. The Administration also welcomed applications from schools for Quality Education Fund to improve their sports facilities.

9. Mr MA Fung-kwok said that the Scheme was a good way to encourage schools to open up their facilities and enhance the sporting culture in schools. However, he noted that only 45 out of the 126 participating schools had been paired with sports organizations. He asked whether sports organizations had been deterred from participating in the Scheme due to the requirement often imposed by participating schools that the sports organizations would have to procure insurance coverage for the sports programmes under the Scheme. He urged the Administration to explore ways to boost the participation of schools and sports organizations in the Scheme to organize more extracurricular sports programmes.

10. Commissioner for Sports ("C for S") responded that it was envisaged that more schools and sports organizations would be interested in participating in the Scheme once the COVID-19 epidemic abated. He said that one other possible reason for the relatively low pairing ratio could be that several schools in the same neighborhood with similar sports facilities were participating at the same time, and the sports organization to be paired ended up choosing one school over the others.

11. SHA said that since the 2019/20 school year, participating schools of the Scheme had become eligible to apply for a grant for constructing or improving their sports facilities, as well as purchasing sports equipment. In the past two academic years, seven schools had been provided with such grants with a total commitment of over \$16 million.

12. As for Mr MA Fung-kwok's suggestion of expanding the scope of partnering organizations of the Scheme to other related organizations, C for S pointed out that the Administration had already expanded the eligibility criteria for the Scheme two years ago to include non-profit-making organizations with ability, experience and a track record of organizing sports programmes in schools and the community.

*The Retired Athletes Transformation Programme ("RATP")*

13. While supporting the Administration's efforts in promoting sports amongst students for better health and grooming student athletes, Mr SHIU Ka-fai pointed out that not all students interested in sports could develop a successful career when they pursued a career in sports, and a full-time athlete who did not establish himself/herself as a medal winner in major sports events might face financial hardship upon retirement. He expressed doubt on whether RATP could provide enough financial support for these athletes. He considered that students might also need to know the practical difficulties that a full-time athlete would face in reality.

14. C for S said that RATP was part of a series of programmes designed for elite athletes. RATP was promulgated since the 2016/17 school year with a view to providing students with more opportunities to participate in sports so as to enhance the level of sports in schools, and providing a platform to retired athletes for career development. C for S further said that the implementation of RATP had been quite successful and the number of participants had been rising steadily. Under RATP, the remuneration packages for retired athletes would be based on the performance and length of service of the athlete as a Hong Kong representative, with salary ranging from \$18,000 to \$24,000 per month. SHA advised that other than RATP, the Administration would also endeavour to provide more employment opportunities for retired athletes, such as administrative positions at sports venues.

15. In response to Mr YIU Si-wing's enquiry, C for S advised that RATP was an on-going programme where retired athletes were trained and posted to participating schools under a three-year term to facilitate continuity in employment for both the schools and athletes.

*Student Athlete Support Scheme ("SASS")*

16. Mr MA Fung-kwok noted that SASS, which provided \$5.49 million in the 2019/20 school year benefitting 15 376 students, was essentially only providing about \$357 to each student over the course of a year. He expressed concern about whether SASS was sufficient for meeting the financial needs of student athletes.

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17. SHA responded that since its inception in the 2013/14 school year, SASS had provided funding for over 150 000 students. C for S said that the amount of funding provided to eligible students under SASS had been regularly reviewed and adjusted upward two years ago.

*School Sports Programme ("SSP")*

18. Mr Wilson OR expressed concern that while the total number of schools in Hong Kong was estimated to be over 2 000, only about 15 900 programmes had been organized under SSP in the past three years. He expressed doubt on the popularity and effectiveness of SSP. To improve participation, he urged the Administration to consider collaborating with non-government organizations beyond NSAs, such as parent-teacher associations.

19. SHA advised that the Administration had to ascertain whether an organization possessed the requisite expertise in sports training in choosing the appropriate partners for collaboration under SSP. He said that the Administration would continue to review the suitability of organizations with a view to expanding the scope of potential partners for SSP.

20. Mr LUK Chung-hung considered that there was a need for schools to employ a dedicated sports specialist to take charge of sports programmes and cultivate a sports culture in schools. He also suggested that the Administration should consider offering sports vouchers to parents and students to encourage them to engage in sports training of their choices. Mr LUK said that the Administration should better collaborate with the Hong Kong Sports Institute ("HKSI") and schools to promote specialized sports programmes on campus.

*"Fun to Move@JC" programme*

21. Mr Holden CHOW and Mr Michael TIEN sought details on the implementation progress of the "Fun to Move@JC" programme. SHA said that the Administration had joined hands with the Hong Kong Jockey Club ("HKJC") to implement the programme, which aimed at developing a sustainable model of exercising for students with the aid of school and family collaboration and the use of technology by tracking their physical activities. C for S added that as physical classes were largely suspended due to the COVID-19 epidemic, the "Fun to Move@JC" programme had not been fully implemented, and the various statistics on its implementation progress were not available at the moment.

22. Mr Michael TIEN expressed dissatisfaction that the Administration had missed out on the opportunity to promote exercising at home for students via this programme during the COVID-19 epidemic. He said that now that physical

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classes were resumed, the Administration should vigorously pursue the implementation of the programme, starting with expediting the dispatch of the wrist-worn sports bands to students. C for S replied that the programme was implemented and managed by HKJC. The Administration understood that the COVID-19 epidemic had entailed some logistical difficulties for the programme, such as delivery delays of the wrist-worn sports bands, which had to be imported.

- Admin 23. At Mr Michael TIEN's request, SHA and C for S undertook to provide statistics on the "Fun to Move@JC" scheme, including the number of wrist-worn sports bands dispatched to participating students.

*Online training resources for sports development*

24. Ms YUNG Hoi-yan opined that the online training resources provided by EDB for physical activities, comprising mainly video clips with simple and unilateral demonstration of activities, were not appealing. She suggested that the Administration should consider improving the content of these video clips by introducing new physical activities of interest, such as yoga and Baduanjin, to encourage participation in sports by students and their parents.

25. PEO(CD)2/EDB agreed to actively consider Ms YUNG's suggestion. SHA advised that the Administration had made other efforts to produce new online resources on promoting exercising. An example of such was the LCSD Edutainment Channel, which included online resources and informative sports promotion videos featuring elite athletes of Hong Kong relating to a variety of sports, including yoga and dancing. He said that these online resources could encourage students to participate in different sports and broaden their horizons on this front.

*Sports exchanges with the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area ("GBA")*

26. Mr LAU Kwok-fan and Mr Wilson OR considered that the co-hosting of NG by Hong Kong with Guangdong and Macao would bring about opportunities for Hong Kong athletes to participate in major sports events and collaborate with their counterparts in GBA. They enquired whether sports exchange programmes with GBA cities would be organized for Hong Kong universities and secondary schools to foster closer ties between Hong Kong and GBA.

27. SHA said that in terms of sports development for students, HAB would focus on the arrangement of off-campus events, which comprised youth exchange programmes to GBA including visits to major sports and training venues. He added that HAB would continue to collaborate with EDB to support all-rounded sports development for students.



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28. PEO(CD)2/EDB supplemented that before the COVID-19 epidemic, there had been schools interport sports competitions organized between schools of Hong Kong and other cities in the Mainland. Sports exchange programmes would also be arranged by individual schools. Moreover, Mainland exchange programmes for Hong Kong students would include visits to sports facilities to enhance their understanding of sports development in the Mainland.

*Sports venues and developing e-sports*

29. Mr Kenneth LAU said that the overall shortage of sports venues in the territory might encourage students to spend more time in other activities, such as e-sports. He enquired about the Administration's strategies on maintaining an appropriate balance between physical sports and e-sports amongst students.

30. SHA advised that the Administration recognized the value of e-sports on students' development. The Administration would work with sports associations on promoting a balanced development on both fronts for students. In regard to Mr Kenneth LAU's concern on the shortage of sports venues, SHA said that the Administration had been partnering with sports clubs to increase the provision of sports venues for training by professional athletes. SHA further said that new and pioneering sports facilities were being planned and built. Territory-wide manpower planning was also underway to facilitate better policy planning by the Administration for sports development for students.

**IV. New facilities building of the Hong Kong Sports Institute**  
[LC Paper Nos. CB(4)1418/20-21 (05)]

31. At the invitation of the Chairman, SHA briefed members on the salient points of the Administration's paper [LC Paper No. CB(4)1418/20-21(05)].

32. Mr Vincent CHENG declared that he was a Director of the HKSI Limited.

Discussion

*Implementation timetable and scope of the new facilities building project ("the proposed project")*

33. Members in general expressed support for the proposed project. Members requested that the proposed project should be taken forward expeditiously and be completed on time. Members also requested that the construction works should not affect the daily training of athletes. SHA responded that it was planned that

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the main works would be commenced upon obtaining the Finance Committee's funding approval for completion in around four years. HKSI would strive to complete the new facilities building in mid-2024. SHA assured members that the construction works would not affect the daily training of athletes.

34. Pointing out that athletes would have to prepare for several major international sports events in the coming few years, members considered that the Administration/HKSI should be more forward looking in the detailed design of the new facilities building. Mr Vincent CHENG requested the Administration to take into consideration the mid- and long-term elite sports training needs in Hong Kong in planning for the development of HKSI. He suggested that consideration might be given to planning for a second campus or another redevelopment project for HKSI. With reference to paragraphs 5 and 7 of the Administration's paper, Mr LUK Chung-hung said that while there would be altogether about 520 hostel places provided by HKSI after completion of the new facilities building, many athletes would still be unable to be allocated any hostel places as the total number of athletes at HKSI had already increased to 1 300 currently (including 547 full-time athletes), and that the number of athletes would continue to increase. Mr LUK considered that some non-full-time athletes might also have a need for hostel places for the benefit of greater convenience. Mr LUK asked why HKSI did not take the opportunity to further increase the number of hostel places to be provided. He further asked whether extra space had been reserved in the proposed project to cater for future expansion and whether, technically speaking, one to two additional storeys could be added to this new building when needed.

35. SHA explained that some athletes preferred to live with their families and did not intend to apply for hostel places. He pointed out that with the additional facilities brought about by the proposed project, HKSI could meet the needs of elite sports training in Hong Kong in the following 10 to 15 years. SHA said that the Government was committed to promoting elite sports development in Hong Kong. In 2021-2022, the Government's annual funding for HKSI, through the Elite Athletes Development Fund, amounted to \$737 million, representing an increase of about 42% over the amount in 2017-2018. The Chief Executive of HKSI ("CE/HKSI") confirmed the feasibility of potential construction of additional floors in the existing main building of the HKSI if required. She said that in preparing for the new facilities building, HKSI had held numerous meetings to listen to the views of stakeholders in the sports sector. These views had been given full consideration by HKSI.

36. Referring to paragraph 7 of the Administration paper, Mr Michael TIEN expressed doubt as to whether it would suffice to provide only 50 rooms as guest residence in the new facilities building, particularly in 2025 when the 15<sup>th</sup> NG were held. In reply to Mr TIEN's enquiry, CE/HKSI said that at present, there

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were 48 rooms for guest accommodation at the sports residence. It was proposed that the new facilities building would provide a 50-room sports residence. Hence, after completion of the new facilities building, there would be 98 rooms for guest accommodation. CE/HKSI further said that HKSI would keep in view athletes' demands for hostel places and consider converting some of the aforesaid 48 rooms for use as athletes' hostel on a need basis.

37. Mr Michael TIEN envisaged that athletes' demands for hostel places would keep growing. With the 15<sup>th</sup> NG to be held in 2025, he questioned whether the 50-room sports residence was adequate. CE/HKSI explained that, for the 15<sup>th</sup> NG, most of the Mainland delegations/visitors would not be accommodated in the sports residence in HKSI, the purpose of which was elite sports exchange instead of participation in major sports events. SHA also pointed out that there were plenty of hotels in the vicinity of the Kai Tak Sports Park, which could also accommodate the Mainland delegations/visitors. He said that the proposed project should be taken forward expeditiously without delay so as to provide enhanced facilities for use by athletes as early as possible.

38. Dr Junius HO considered that the space of HKSI was very limited no matter how it was expanded given the small site of HKSI. He suggested that HKSI should make better use of the related facilities (e.g. indoor sports centres, gymnasiums and Medical Centre) in the Chinese University of Hong Kong ("CUHK") and also the hotel facilities nearby. He further suggested that a dedicated cycling track should be built to provide a convenient way for athletes at HKSI to go to CUHK to gain access to the facilities there.

*Support on sports science and sports medicine*

39. Members shared the Administration's view that the relevant sports science and sports medicine support services had become more crucial in enhancing the effectiveness of training, avoiding injuries and enabling speedy recovery after competitions for athletes. They called on HKSI to strengthen support on sports science and sports medicine for athletes. Noting that a sports medicine centre of around 850 square metres would be provided under the proposed project, Mr Wilson OR asked whether the relevant professional manpower (e.g. therapists) would be increased correspondingly. Citing the 242% increase in the number of sports science and medicine servicing sessions provided to athletes from 23 660 in 2007 to 80 813 in 2020, Mr Holden CHOW also expressed concern about whether there was adequate supply of the relevant professional manpower. Mr Vincent CHENG sought details on how the new facilities for sports science and sports medicine could reflect the Government's commitment to enhancing the competitiveness of athletes as announced by the Chief Executive recently.

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40. SHA said that the Government was committed to strengthening the provision of sports science and sports medicine facilities and support services as evidenced by the fact that HKSI would increase facilities provision on sports science and sports medicine by 120% (in terms of net floor area for such facilities). On the supply of the related manpower, CE/HKSI said that professional staff including doctors, nurses, physiotherapists and sports massage therapists were available to provide support services to athletes. As far as sports medicine service was concerned, there were at present around 70 colleagues in HKSI working in this field. CE/HKSI further said that HKSI had recently commissioned a consultant to do an international benchmarking study and it was found that, the overall support rendered by HKSI to athletes was on par with that provided by benchmarked countries which were strong in elite sports.

41. After discussion, the Chairman concluded that members supported the submission of the proposed project to the Public Works Subcommittee for consideration.

**V. Any other business**

42. There being no other business, the meeting ended at 12:44 pm.