

COMMUNITY SPORTS COMMITTEE

Report of the “1st Hong Kong Games” Organising Committee

Purpose

This paper reports to Members on the progress of the preparatory work for the “1st Hong Kong Games”.

Background

2. To further promote a “Sports for All” culture among the public and enhance their sense of belonging to the district they live in, the Sports Commission (SC) endorsed at its 6th Meeting held in August 2006 that the 1st Hong Kong Games, to be co-ordinated by the Community Sports Committee, would be organised biennially starting from 2007 and that an organising committee be formed for organising this event. Subsequently, the SC invited representatives from its major partners in promoting community sports, including the 18 District Councils, the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, relevant national sports associations, the Home Affairs Bureau and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to form the 1st Hong Kong Games Organising Committee (OC) to prepare for the 1st Hong Kong Games. The composition of the OC is set out at Annex 1. To promote and publicise the 1st Hong Kong Games effectively, a “Working Group on Publicity and Public Relations” (the Working Group) has been set up under the OC to deal with matters pertaining to the publicity and public relation affairs of the 1st Hong Kong Games. The composition of the Working Group is set out at Annex 2.

Work Progress

3. The OC and the Working Group have each held two meetings since December 2006 and endorsed the following arrangements for the 1st Hong Kong Games:

Objective and Positioning of the Hong Kong Games

4. The objective of staging the Hong Kong Games is to provide districts with more opportunities for sports participation, exchanges and co-operation with a view to facilitating communication and promoting friendship among the 18 districts, epitomising and forging closer partnership among all stakeholders and enhancing community cohesion. The Hong Kong Games will also seek to encourage more people to actively participate in sports, thus further promoting the culture of “Sports for All” at the community level. The competitions organised under the Hong Kong Games will be different from those which are aimed to select elite athletes as members of the national teams.

Competitions under the Hong Kong Games and the Prizes to be Awarded

5. The 1st Hong Kong Games, comprising four sports items including table tennis, badminton, basketball and athletics, will be held from April to May 2007. Participating units are the 18 District Councils. In addition to prizes awarded to athletes/teams that are the champion, the 1st runner-up and the 2nd runner-up of each event (such as the 100 m individual event and 4 x 100 m relay team event in athletics,), prizes will also be awarded to participating districts which are the overall champion, the 1st runner-up and 2nd runner-up of each of the sports items. The 18 districts will also compete for the “Overall Champion of the 1st Hong Kong Games”. The Competitions Rules and Regulations of the Games are detailed at [Annex 3](#).

Method of Selecting Athletes

6. The 18 District Councils in collaboration with the district sports associations and the District Leisure Services Offices (DLSOs) of the LCSD will determine and select the athletes/teams that meet the eligibility requirements and have the best records as the representatives of their own districts to participate in the Games. To ensure that athletes are selected by districts in a fair and impartial manner, the OC has, after considering the advice of the Independent Commission Against Corruption, issued guidelines to the 18 District Councils for their reference. The guidelines are set out at [Annex 4](#).

Financial Arrangement

7. To tie in with the competitions, the publicity programmes and to provide all district teams with relevant support, the estimated funding for the 1st Hong Kong Games has been increased from the original budget of \$6 million to \$9 million. The OC will provide each district team with a funding of about \$150,000 through the respective DLSO of the LCSD, totalling \$2.7 million for the 18 districts. The aim is to subsidise the districts the costs of forming the district teams and organising pre-competition training. Other expenses of the Hong Kong Games include the costs of organising all the sports competitions and elite athletes’ demonstration/exchange sessions, as well as expenditures on publicity programmes/materials and the opening and closing ceremonies.

Publicity

8. To enable the whole community to learn about the 1st Hong Kong Games and encourage them to support and participate in the Games, the OC has launched a series of publicity programmes, including designing the emblem of the 1st Hong Kong Games, preparing publicity banners, posters, pamphlets and souvenirs, designing a dedicated website, holding the 1st Hong Kong Games’ launching ceremony, organising “Cast a Vote for My Favourite Sporty District” and “Make a Guess at the Overall Champion of the 1st Hong Kong Games”, conducting elite athletes’ demonstration/exchange sessions, as well as organising a large-scale opening ceremony and a grand prize presentation ceremony. The proposed publicity plan is at [Annex 5](#).

Presentation

9. Members are invited to note the progress of various items of work mentioned in this paper.

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February 2007

Composition of the 1st Hong Kong Games Organising Committee

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The 1st Hong Kong Games Organising Committee

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**The 1st Hong Kong Games
Competition Rules and Regulations**

I. Competition Date and Venue

The 1st Hong Kong Games will be held in the LCSD sports venues from April to May in 2007.

II. Competition Events, Division and Quota

1. Athletics Competition

Division and Events: Men's Division (13 events in total)

Individual events (11 events) include:

100m; 200m; 400m; 800m; 1 500m; 110m hurdles, high jump, long jump, shot put, javelin and discus.

Team events (2 events) include:

4x100m Relay and 4x400m Relay.

Women's Division (13 events in total)

Individual events (11 events) include:

100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1 500m, 100m hurdles, high jump, long jump, shot put, javelin and discus.

Team events (2 events) include:

4x100m Relay and 4x400m Relay.

Quota: For "individual events", each district may nominate 2 persons to participate in each event.
(Each person can enter 3 events at most.)

For "team events", each district may nominate 1 team to participate in each event.
(Each team should consist of 4 persons at least and 6 persons at most.)

Each district may nominate a maximum of 68 persons.

2. Basketball Competition

Division and Quota: Each district may nominate 1 men's team and 1 women's team. Each team should consist of 5 persons at least and 12 persons at most.

3. Badminton Competition

Events: Individual events (5 events) include:
Men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles.

Team event (1 event):

The competition will be held in the form of "men's, women's and mixed team events". The competition events include men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles.

Quota: Individual events:

For singles events, each district may nominate 2 persons to participate in each event.

For doubles events, each district may nominate 1 team (2 persons in each team) to participate in each event.

Team events:

Each district may nominate 1 team. (6 male players and 6 female players at most may be nominated for each team and there should be at least 4 male players and 4 female players in each team).

4. Table Tennis Competition

Events: Individual events (5 events) include:
Men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles.

Team event (1 event):

The competition will be held in the form of "men's, women's and mixed team events". The competition events include men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles.

Quota: Individual events:
For singles events, each district may nominate 2 persons to participate in each event.
For doubles events, each district may nominate 1 team (2 persons in each team) to participate in each event.

Team events:
Each district may nominate 1 team. (6 male players and 6 female players at most may be nominated for each team and there should be at least 4 male players and 4 female players in each team).

III. Participating Units:

The participating units are the 18 District Councils (DCs) in Hong Kong. The 18 districts include Islands, Tuen Mun, Yuen Long, Tsuen Wan, Kwai Tsing, North, Tai Po, Sha Tin, Sai Kung, Southern, Central & Western, Wan Chai, Eastern, Sham Shui Po, Yau Tsim Mong, Kowloon City, Wong Tai Sin and Kwun Tong.

IV. Eligibility Requirements for Athletes:

1. Participants must be nominated by their respective DC and they will participate in the competition in the capacity of that DC;
2. Participants must be holders of valid “Hong Kong Permanent Identity Card”;
3. Participants must reside in the district they represent (“Proof of Place of Residence” should be provided);
4. Each athlete can only represent one district in the Games;
5. Those athletes who have been selected as the representatives of Hong Kong to compete in the Olympic Games, the Asian Games, the East Asian Games, the National Games of the People’s Republic of China, the National Cities Games of the People’s Republic of China, the World Championships or the Asian Championships between 2004 and 2007 are not eligible to participate in the Games; and
6. Participants of the athletics competition must be aged 16 or above. Participants of the basketball competition must be aged 12 or above. There is no restriction on participants’ age in the table tennis competition and the badminton competition.

V. **Proposed Methods of Selecting Athletes to Participate in the Games**

The DCs may discuss with the district sports associations (DSAs) and the District Leisure Services Offices (DLSOs) of the LCSD to determine the method of selecting athletes to enter the competitions. Currently, the DLSOs of the LCSD are organising district competitions for the four selected sports items in their respective districts on an annual basis and some DCs and DSAs also have their own district representatives for the sports items. The districts may select through the means of selection competitions those athletes/teams that meet the eligibility requirements and have achieved the best results as the representatives of their own districts to participate in the Games.

VI. **Enrolment Method**

1. Each district should submit the name list of its district delegation and its athletes to the Secretariat of the 1st Hong Kong Games Organising Committee before 1 March 2007.
2. Members of the district delegation: 1 head of the delegation, 1 to 3 deputy heads of the delegation, 4 team leaders and 4 coaches (1 team leader and 1 coach may be assigned for each competition).

VII. **Prizes**

1. Prizes will be awarded to the Champion, 1st runner-up and 2nd runner-up of each event.
2. Prizes will be awarded to the Overall Champion, 1st runner-up and 2nd runner-up of each of the four competitions, namely athletics, basketball, badminton and table tennis. The scoring system is set out as follows:

From the Champion to the seventh runner-up of each competition event, each will score 13, 11, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5 points respectively, i.e. the Champion will score 13 points, the 1st runner-up will score 11 points and so forth. The top three districts accumulating the highest total points will be awarded the “Overall Champion, 1st runner-up and 2nd runner-up” of the respective competition.
3. On top of the above prizes, a prize for the “Overall Champion of the 1st Hong Kong Games” will also be awarded to the district accumulating the highest total points from all the four competitions i.e. the athletics, basketball, badminton and table tennis competitions.

VIII. Numbers of participants and Spectators

1. Number of athletes in a district delegation:
22 persons for table tennis (11 male participants and 11 female participants at most), 22 persons for badminton (11 male participants and 11 female participants at most), 24 persons for basketball (12 male participants and 12 female participants at most), and 68 persons for athletics (34 male participants and 34 female participants at most). Each district may field a maximum of 136 athletes to participate in the Games. The total number of participating athletes from all the 18 districts will be about 2 500.
2. Number of Spectators:
It is anticipated that the opening ceremony will attract 10 000 spectators. The number of spectators for the competitions and the grand prize presentation ceremony will be about 1 500 each. The anticipated total number of spectators will be 13 000.

The 1st Hong Kong Games
Guidelines for District Councils Relating to the Selection of Athletes
for Participation in the 1st Hong Kong Games

1. Individual District Councils (DCs) may devise its own selection mechanism in accordance with the different conditions and situations of their respective districts in order to select athletes who meet the eligibility requirements set by the Organiser as their representatives in the 1st Hong Kong Games (the Games). The DCs may consider setting up a selection board/working group, or working through their existing councils, to decide on the selection methods to nominate athletes in their districts to participate in the Games. The selection methods may include the organisation of a selection competition, or by referring to the past competition records of athletes, or by choosing from the team members of the current district representative teams of the DCs/the district sports associations/the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD)/the respective National Sports Associations, or by selecting the winners of the district sports competitions organised by the LCSD. To enhance transparency, individual DCs should publicise their selection mechanism and criteria in their respective districts and provide channels for public enquiries. (For example, the selection mechanism and criteria endorsed by the selection board/DC/respective committee can be posted on the notice boards of the DC/ District Office/District Leisure Services Office of the LCSD for public perusal).

2. To avoid conflict of interests, those who are involved in the selection of athletes should abide by the following rules:
 - (i) To avoid any personal relations with any athletes standing for the selection, whether actual or perceived. If there is any possible conflict of interests, it should be declared to the respective DC, the committee or working group under the DC or the selection board (Please refer to the *Appendix* for the sample of the Form for Declaration of Interests);

 - (ii) To keep in strict confidence the information of all participants obtained through being a member of the above committee/board;

 - (iii) Not to disclose or make use of or use in any way the information concerning

the participants for the purposes of seeking individual or other interests without the prior consent of the respective DC, the committee or working group under the DC or the selection board; and

- (iv) To make all assessment and selection decisions on the principles of impartiality and fairness and in accordance with the selection mechanism and criteria set out by the respective DC and the above committee/board.
3. According to the rules for competition set out by the Organiser, athletes must reside in the district they represent and should submit the proof of place of residence to the person in charge of the competition in the respective district. Whenever necessary, the Organiser may ask the district that the participants represent to submit the participants' "Proof of Place of Residence" so as to prove that they reside in that district. "Local Residents" refers to the people who reside within the district boundary of a respective district, which is defined in the Maps showing the Constituency Boundaries for the District Councils Election. The respective DC must verify the proof of place of residence of the athlete concerned before entering his/her name on the enrolment form. "Proof of Place of Residence" refers to the original copy of the valid documentary proof bearing the name of the participant, such as:
- (i) Statements (such as rates demand note, bills for electricity and water charges, monthly bank statement or telephone bill) issued by public utilities/commercial organisations or banks within the latest three months;
 - (ii) Student's handbook (if the student handbook cannot be produced, the documents stated in (i) above bearing the name of his/her parent(s) together with the participant's birth certificate may be provided);
 - (iii) Declaration of place of residence issued by the Home Affairs Department; or
 - (iv) Mortgage statement, tenancy agreement or residence card.
4. If the DCs plan to organise competitions to select athletes in their districts as representatives to participate in the Games, the organising unit should publicise relevant details (including the eligibility requirements for participation in the selection competitions) and take control measures to ensure a fair game.

5. If the DCs plan to adopt the past competition records of athletes as the selection criteria, the conditions that the competitions concerned must satisfy and the required proof of related results should be clearly set out in the selection mechanism/criteria publicised before they are recognised as the basis for the selection of athletes. The Organiser has suggested that the following conditions of competition and proof of results be accepted for the selection of athletes:
- (i) The athletes of the respective district are holders of valid/recognised proof of results issued by the organiser for the open competitions of the relevant sports items held between 2004 and 2007 by the LCSD, the Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association, the Hong Kong Badminton Association, the Hong Kong Basketball Association, the Hong Kong Table Tennis Association or the Hong Kong Schools Sports Federation.
 - (ii) The athletes of the respective district are holders of valid/recognised proof of results issued by the organiser of the relevant open competitions held between 2004 and 2007 which have been sanctioned or organised by the International Federations or the Asian Federations.

**District Council/ Committee or Working Group under the District Council/
Selection Board**

**Form for Declaration of Interests for the Selection of Athletes to Participate
in the 1st Hong Kong Games**

Date of Meeting: _____

To: XX District Council/XX Committee/XX Working Group/Selection Board*

I, _____, hereby declare the following interests in respect of the selection of athletes as members of the team representing XX District:-

(a) I have an affiliation with the following organisation(s):

Name of Organisation	My Capacity

(b) I have an affiliation with the following athlete(s) standing for the selection:

Name of Athlete	Relationship with the declarant (e.g. relatives, friends and etc.)

(c) Others: _____

Signature: _____



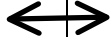

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Publicity Plan for the 1st Hong Kong Games

Month	December 2006	January 2007	February 2007	March 2007	April 2007	May 2007
(1) To design the Games's emblem for publicising the Games: ➤ To build up a brand new image and create a coherent identity for the 1st Hong Kong Games, the Organiser will design a representative emblem for use on all publicity materials/ activities of the 1st Hong Kong Games.	↔					
(2) To prepare and distribute the publicity materials: ➤ To prepare publicity posters for distribution and display at 18 district councils and the LCSD venues. ➤ To prepare huge wall banners for display at 18 districts. ➤ To prepare the souvenir programme. ➤ To order souvenirs.	↔ ↔ ↔					
(3) To set up a dedicated website: ➤ To set up a dedicated webpage for the 1st Hong Kong Games under the LCSD official website to promote and disseminate the latest information concerning the activities and competitions of the Games.	↔					
(4) To provide the media with information on the Games: ➤ To stage the launching ceremony of the 1st Hong Kong Games. ➤ To inform the public of the information about the 1st Hong Kong Games through disseminating the latest news of the Games via the media including newspaper and radio.	15/2 ↔					

<p>(5) To invite elite athletes to demonstrate their skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To invite local elite athletes of the relevant sports to demonstrate their skills and share their experience with the participating athletes from 18 districts. 					
<p>(6) “Cast a Vote for My Favourite Sporty District” and “Make a Guess at the Overall Champion of the 1st Hong Kong Games”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To attract territory-wide attention and enhance public support for the 1st Hong Kong Games, two activities, namely “Cast a Vote for My Favourite Sporty District” and “Make a Guess at the Overall Champion of the 1st Hong Kong Games”, will be organised. The prizes for these activities will be presented at the closing ceremony. 					
<p>(7) To organise the “Cheering Team Competition for the 18 Districts”:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To create a cheerful atmosphere for the 1st Hong Kong Games, the Organiser will hold a “Cheering Team Competition for the 18 Districts”. On the day of the opening ceremony, each cheering team will lead the athletes of its district into the venue and give performance. 					
<p>(8) To order official uniform:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To provide each participating athlete, head of the delegation, deputy head of the delegation, leader and coach a set of uniform, including a T-shirt, a long-sleeved track jacket and a pair of long pants. ➤ To give a gift T-shirt to each district councillor. 					

<p>(9) To stage a grand opening ceremony:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The opening ceremony will feature raising of flags, playing of national anthem, lighting of the sacred fire, march-in of athletes, and the staging of a large-scale performance with the presence of celebrated athletes to create a cheerful atmosphere. 					21/4	
<p>(10) To stage a grand prize presentation ceremony featuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Exhibition matches between elite athletes and winners of the Games. ➤ Presentation of the following awards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The overall champions, 1st runners-up and 2nd runners-up of the 4 competitions • The overall champion of the 1st Hong Kong Games • My Favourite Sporty District • The Best Performance Award and the Best Local Characteristics Award for the Cheering Team Competition 						6/5