

Government sets up Sports Commission

The Government today (January 3) announced the appointments by the Chief Executive to the Sports Commission for the period January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2006.

Comprised of 10 members from a broad spectrum of the community, the new commission is a central advisory body under the chairmanship of the Secretary for Home Affairs to provide coordination and overall direction in sports development in Hong Kong. Its terms of reference include advising Government on:

- (i) the formulation of sports policy for sports development in Hong Kong;
- (ii) the building of partnership relationships among major stakeholders in sports in Hong Kong, in order to facilitate the effective implementation of the sports policies; and
- (iii) the broad principles and guidelines in the provision of funding support to sports and related organisations for promoting and developing sports in Hong Kong.

Under the Sports Commission are three committees -- the Community Sports Committee and the Major Sports Events Committee set up in October 2003 and the Elite Sports Committee set up in April 2004.

"The Sports Commission is an umbrella organisation in realising the new visions for sports in Hong Kong in three major aspects -- sports for all, turning Hong Kong into a sports events capital and sports excellence," the Secretary for Home Affairs, Dr Patrick Ho, said.

"The new sports administrative structure marks an important milestone for sports development in Hong Kong as it will take a holistic approach to advising the Government on the overall policy planning, coordination, monitoring and resource deployment of sports development," he said.

The commission includes five ex-officio members and four appointed members, representing a broad-based participation by all sectors concerned. A list of the full

membership is as follows:

Chairman: (ex-officio)

- Dr Patrick Ho Chi-ping, JP,
Secretary for Home Affairs

Vice-Chairman: (ex-officio)

- The Hon Timothy Fok Tsun-ting, SBS, JP,
President, Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China

Members:

- Mr Chau How-chen, SBS, JP,
Chairman, Community Sports Committee (ex-officio)
- Mr Victor Hui Chun-fui, SBS, JP,
Chairman, Elite Sports Committee (ex-officio)
- Mr Herman Hu Shao-ming, JP,
Chairman, Major Sports Events Committee (ex-officio)
- Ms Anissa Wong Sean-yee, JP,
Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (ex-officio)
- Dr David Fang, SBS, JP
- Mr William Leung Wing-cheung
- Mr Stephen Tan
- Mr Peter Wong Tung-shun, JP

Welcoming all members on board, Dr Ho said that by pooling expertise and experience in sports from different sectors of the community, the commission was set to embark on a promising sporting future for Hong Kong.

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