

Elsie Leung appointed as deputy mayor of Olympic and Paralympic Village

The Equestrian Committee (Hong Kong) of the Beijing Organising Committee for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad (Equestrian Committee) today (April 13) announced that the Beijing Organising Committee (BOCOG) has appointed Ms Elsie Leung as the deputy mayor of the Beijing Olympic and Paralympic Village. She will be responsible for the management, operation and services of the Hong Kong Village, and ensure that the overall demands of the organisation and operation of the Olympic and Paralympic Games can be met.

Pleased to learn about the appointment, the Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Henry Tang, who is President of the Equestrian Committee, said, “The Olympic and Paralympic Village is an important component of the Equestrian Events. Ms Leung has always been dedicated to serving the community. Fully experienced in administrative management and widely respected for her excellent leadership, Ms Leung is the best choice to take charge of the Hong Kong village. I sincerely congratulate her on her appointment and look forward to working together with her to ensure that the Olympic and Paralympic Equestrian Events will be successfully held and meet our nation's trust and expectation.”

The operational plan for the village, including its layout, the services to be provided to National Olympic Committees, security arrangements and room allocation proposals, has been approved by the International Olympic Committee and BOCOG. A detailed plan for all village services is expected to be finalised this month.

Ms Leung has resigned from the post of Chairman of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Equestrian Events Hong Kong Fund (Equestrian Fund) Board of Governors. The Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Tsang Tak-sing, thanks Ms Leung for her support and contribution to the work of the Fund.

The Secretary for Home Affairs, as the trustee of the Equestrian Fund, will be the acting Chairman of the Fund's Board of Governors.

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