

2023 Asian Games Provisional Bid Committee established

The Government announced the establishment of the 2023 Asian Games Provisional Bid Committee (AGPBC) today (September 6).

The committee will be chaired by the Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Tsang Tak-sing, with the President of the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC), Mr Timothy Fok Tsun-ting, as the Vice-Chairman.

The AGPBC will provide input and support to the Government in relation to the public consultation exercise and preparation for Hong Kong's potential bid, taking into account issues such as venue availability, athletes' and officials' accommodation, and potential economic costs and benefits; and engage community support throughout the process.

Other members of the committee are:

Mr Chau How-chen

Ms Rebecca Chiu Wing-yin

Mr A.F.M. Conway

Mrs Jenny Fung Ma Kit-han

Mr He Guang-bei

Mr Hu Fa-kuang

Mr Herman Hu Shao-ming

Mr Victor Hui Chun-fui

Mr Ip Kwok-him

Miss Leonie Ki Man-fung

Mr Karl Kwok Chi-leung

Ms Vivien Lau Chiang-chu

Mr Anthony Lau Chun-hon

Mr Law Hiu-fung

Dr Eric Li Ka-cheung

Mr David Mong Tak-yeung

Ms Malina Ngai Man-lin

Mr Pang Chung

Mr Thomas Brian Stevenson

Dr Tong Yun-kai

Mr Anthony Tyler

Mr Wong Wah-sang

Mr Anthony Wu Ting-yuk

Ms Yu Chui-yee

Mr Tony Yue Kwok-leung

Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (or representative)

Secretary for Development (or representative); and

Secretary for Transport and Housing (or representative)

Secretary:

Head, Asian Games Bid Team

Co-opted Members:

Director of Leisure and Cultural Services and

Director of Information Services

"We believe that members of the AGPBC represent a wide spectrum from the sports sector, business and community organisations who can provide valuable input in mapping out the strategy for the potential bid," a spokesman for the Government said.

The spokesman said that an extensive public consultation exercise will be conducted to gauge the views of the public before deciding whether or not the Government should support a formal bid.

"The final decision will be subject to the outcome of the consultation exercise and acceptance of the likely financial implications involved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council," he added.

In June this year, the Government issued a letter of support for the SF&OC, the bidding organisation for Hong Kong, to submit a "letter of intent" to the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) to bid to host the 2023 Asian Games.

The Government decision to issue a letter of support to the SF&OC was made with the backing of the sports sector. Both the SF&OC membership and the Sports Commission expressed support for a potential bid.

In January 2010, the Legislative Council also passed a motion on sports development that included a request for the Government to actively consider supporting a bid to host the Asian Games.

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