

District forum to gauge views on bid for Asian Games

The Home Affairs Bureau organised a district forum today (October 25) at the Henry G Leong Yaumatei Community Centre to gauge views on whether Hong Kong should bid to host the 2023 Asian Games.

The Under Secretary for Home Affairs, Ms Florence Hui, attended the forum to have a candid exchange with members of the community. She said, "Bidding for the Asian Games will give the Government an opportunity to fulfil the long-term policy objectives for sports, and serve as an investment for the younger generation as well as Hong Kong's future. It will also help promote a healthy lifestyle and sports development, thus bringing intangible and concrete benefits in the long run.

"The Government has extended the consultation period to December 1. We hope that the community will be able to analyse different arguments and facts, and express their views during the consultation period. We will continue to gather and listen to views from various sectors," Ms Hui added.

The Home Affairs Bureau will organise the last district forum on whether Hong Kong should bid for the Asian Games on November 2 at the Lek Yuen Community Hall.

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