

MAJOR SPORTS EVENTS COMMITTEE

Progress of Kai Tak Sports Park and Public Engagement Exercise

PURPOSE

To update Members on the progress of the Kai Tak Sports Park and the related public engagement exercise in May to July 2016.

BACKGROUND

2. Spreading across 28 hectares and bigger than the Victoria Park by 9 hectares, the Kai Tak Sports Park is Hong Kong's most important investment in sports infrastructure in recent decades. The Sports Park will support our sports development policy objectives by providing multi-purpose venues that allow the hosting of major international sports events and giving Hong Kong athletes more opportunities to compete at a home venue with players from other parts of the world. It will also provide many sports and leisure facilities for professional and amateur athletes as well as members of the public to enjoy.

LATEST PROGRESS

3. The Home Affairs Bureau and its consultants have been actively engaging with the sports sector in the planning of the Sports Park during the past year. Taking into consideration inputs from the sports sector and other potential users, we propose that the key sports facilities of the Kai Tak Sports Park should include a main stadium with a seating capacity of around 50,000 allowing for hosting major sports events such as international football and rugby matches, leisure and entertainment events, and other uses such as concerts, carnivals and large community events; a public sports ground with a seating capacity of around 5,000 suitable for hosting school athletic events, athletic training and local football matches, and open for members of public to jog, exercise and play football during non-event days; and a multi-purpose

indoor sports centre with a seating capacity of around 7,000 providing a playing surface equivalent to around 30 standard badminton courts during non-event days for community badminton, basketball, volleyball and other indoor sports activities.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT EXERCISE

4. To provide information on the planning of the project and collect public views on the Sports Park, the Government launched a two-month public engagement exercise on 20 May 2016. The engagement exercise includes the launch of a dedicated project website (www.KaiTakSportsPark.hk), roving exhibitions in over 20 locations across the territory, a questionnaire survey (which is available both online and at the exhibition venues) and consultations with the concerned District Councils, including Wong Tai Sin, Kwun Tong and Kowloon City. More details about the public engagement exercise are explained in our latest consultation paper to the District Facilities Management Committee of the Wong Tai Sin District Council. The public engagement exercise will end on 19 July.

ADVICE SOUGHT

5. Members are invited to note the latest progress of the Kai Tak Sports Park and express their views by participating in our questionnaire survey.

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