

7th Hong Kong Games concludes successfully (with photos)

The 7th Hong Kong Games (HKG) Closing cum Prize Presentation Ceremony was held at Kowloon Park Sports Centre this afternoon (June 2) after completion of all contests of the Games.

The HKG is a territory-wide major multi-sports event held biennially with the 18 District Councils as the participating units. Held between April 28 and June 2, the inter-district sports competitions of the 7th HKG covered eight sports, namely athletics, badminton, basketball, futsal, swimming, table tennis, tennis and volleyball.

Speaking at the ceremony, the Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Lau Kong-wah, said competitions of the eight sports events were held smoothly in the past four weeks, with more than 3 300 athletes striving for excellence to win honour for the districts they live in. He said that the athletes, who demonstrated unyielding sportsmanship, deserved applause and support, and thanked different sectors of the community for their support. Mr Lau expressed the hope that District Councils and community organisations would sustain the spirit of "Our City, Our Games" to promote Hong Kong as a healthy and vibrant city.

Other officiating guests at the ceremony included Legislative Council Member Mr Lau Kwok-fan; the President of the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC), Mr Timothy Fok; the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services, Ms Michelle Li; the Commissioner for Sports, Mr Yeung Tak-keung; the Chairman of the 7th HKG Organising Committee, Mr David Yip; and the Executive Adviser of the 7th HKG Organising Committee, Mr William Tong.

The Games' winning athletes and teams were awarded for their achievements at the ceremony. The 7th HKG overall championship went to Yuen Long District, which achieved the highest total score across the eight sports competitions. The overall first runner-up was Sha Tin District and North District was the overall second runner-up.

The champions in the eight sports competitions were Sha Tin District (athletics and basketball), Yuen Long District (badminton, futsal, tennis and volleyball), Kowloon City District (swimming) and Central and Western District (table tennis).

Prizes to encourage district participation were also presented at the ceremony. For the Cheering Team Competition, Yuen Long District was the champion of the Best Performance Award, with Islands District and Tuen Mun District as the first and second runners-up respectively. Yuen Long District also won first place for the Best Local Characteristics Award, while Wong Tai Sin District was the first runner-up, and Tuen Mun and Islands District came

third. Kwai Tsing District won the Highest Popularity Award.

Details of the prize-winning districts are listed in the attachment.

A series of community participation programmes were also organised for members of the public to take part in the 7th HKG. They included elite athletes' demonstration and exchange programmes, a sports seminar, the Jockey Club Vitality Run, Sports Legacy – Exercise to Get Super Fit, the HKG 7-minute School Vitality Run, the 18 Districts' Pledging cum Cheering Team Competition, the Dynamic Moments Photo Contest, voting and guessing activities and an opening ceremony.

Wan Chai District and Central and Western District won the public voting for "My Favourite Sporty District" through online votes and paper votes respectively. A lucky draw for winners of the voting and guessing activities was held before the ceremony. The winner list will be uploaded to the 7th HKG website (www.hongkonggames.hk) and published in Sing Tao Daily and the Standard on June 11.

The submission deadline for the Dynamic Moments Photo Contest is June 12 and the results will be announced in mid-July.

The 7th HKG was organised by the Sports Commission and co-ordinated by the Community Sports Committee, with the 18 District Councils, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the SF&OC and relevant National Sports Associations as co-organisers. The Hong Kong Jockey Club was the Principal Contributor.



