## <u>Appointment of Head of National Games</u> <u>Coordination Office (with photo)</u>

The Government announced today (October 13) that following an open recruitment exercise, Mr Yeung Tak-keung will take up the appointment as the Head of the National Games Coordination Office (NGCO) under the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau (CSTB) on October 16. The Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism, Mr Kevin Yeung, welcomed the appointment.

He said, "Previously serving as the Commissioner for Sports, Mr Yeung Tak-keung has excellent knowledge of sports policies and practices of the sports sector in Hong Kong and is highly experienced in organising major international and regional multisports games and sports events, including the Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Equestrian Events held in Hong Kong. Under his leadership, I look forward to seeing the NGCO do its best in successfully organising the 15th National Games, the 12th National Games for Persons with Disabilities and the 9th National Special Olympic Games with Guangdong Province and Macao in 2025. This will not only allow participating athletes to give full play to their talents, but also enable Hong Kong to scale new heights in the development of sports."

Mr Yeung Tak-keung, who has just been appointed to the post, said he was delighted with the opportunity to continue to play a part in promoting sports development. In the next two years or so, the NGCO will work closely with relevant organisations in the Mainland, Macao and Hong Kong to produce a successful 2025 National Games. He said, "Hong Kong athletes have demonstrated indomitable spirit and attained outstanding results in various major sports events. They are the pride of Hong Kong people. In the 2025 National Games, we will be able to enjoy high-level sport competitions in Hong Kong and neighbouring cities, and cheer for our athletes in person at event venues. In parallel with the completion of the Kai Tak Sports Park, Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area can demonstrate their capabilities in organising large-scale sports events through the National Games. We hope that this will attract more international events to Hong Kong in the future, and that all relevant parties will work together to promote a sporting culture and foster the sustainable development of sports as a profession and an industry."

Brief biographical notes of Mr Yeung are set out below:

Mr Yeung Tak-keung

Mr Yeung joined the Government as an Inspector of Police in 1984. He then joined the Administrative Service in 1994. He has served in various bureaux and departments, such as holding the office of the first Commissioner for Sports in the former Home Affairs Bureau (the post was transferred to the CSTB upon the restructuring of the government) from 2016 to October 2022.

Mr Yeung received a Bachelor's Degree in Arts (Honours) from the University of Hong Kong in 1984 before attaining a Master of Business Administration degree from the Chinese University of Hong Kong in 1993, and a Bachelor's Degree in China Law from the Peking University in 2001.

