

# CE welcomes State Council's agreement for Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao to host 15th National Games

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, today (August 26) welcomed the agreement of the State Council for Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao to host the 15th National Games in 2025.

"For Hong Kong to host the 15th National Games in 2025 together with Guangdong and Macao is a significant move that will promote Hong Kong's sports development, after the city has achieved its best results in history at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. I, on behalf of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), am grateful for the trust and support of the Central Government.

"Hosting the National Games jointly by Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao is very meaningful and is in line with the goal of building a bay area for leisure and shaping a healthy bay area as presented in the Outline Development Plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

"The Kai Tak Sports Park, which will comprise a main stadium accommodating 50 000 spectators, a 10 000-seat indoor sports centre and a 5 000-seat public sports ground, will be commissioned in 2023. Together with the Hong Kong Velodrome, where many international competitions have been held, and other sports facilities, the foundation is in place for Hong Kong to take part in the hosting of the 15th National Games. The HKSAR Government will spare no effort to work closely with the relevant ministries of the Central Government, Guangdong Province and the Macao Special Administrative Region Government on preparatory work and follow the Central Authorities' requirement of 'simple, safe and wonderful' in conducting the Games," Mrs Lam said.

The National Games, which is held once every four years, is a mega sports event with the largest scale and the highest level in the nation. The 14th National Games will be held in Shaanxi in September this year.