

Government awards contract for Kai Tak Sports Park (with photos)

The Government announced today (December 28) that after an open tendering exercise the contract for the design, construction and operation of the Kai Tak Sports Park has been awarded to the Kai Tak Sports Park Ltd.

"The Kai Tak Sports Park, occupying 28 hectares of land, is the Government's most important investment in sports infrastructure in recent decades. When completed, it will become the biggest sports venue in Hong Kong. We are looking forward to working closely with Kai Tak Sports Park Ltd's team to create a world class sports park with high quality facilities for the use and enjoyment of the sports sector and the Hong Kong community," a Government spokesman said.

Kai Tak Sports Park Ltd is a subsidiary of New World Development Company Limited and NWS Holdings Limited established specifically for the project. Its project team comprises overseas and local experts experienced in design, construction, venue management, sales and marketing, and retail and operation. Project team members like Populous, SMG and Lagardère Sports are recognised global industry leaders with extensive experience in the design and operation of large scale international projects as well as the management of major sports venues.

The design by Kai Tak Sports Park Ltd consists of a covered Kai Tak Sports Avenue running in the north-south orientation as the main axis, connecting all key facilities of the Sports Park with the adjacent Station Square, Kai Tak MTR Station and Sung Wong Toi MTR Station and leading to the harbourfront promenade. The focal point of the Sports Park is the 50 000-seat Main Stadium, with "Pearl of the Orient" as its façade design theme. With a soundproof retractable roof and flexible pitch surface the Main Stadium is ideal for hosting major football and rugby games. Through the installation of separation drapes, stage setting and various equipment, the Main Stadium can also be used for hosting entertainment and community events of a different nature and scale.

The Indoor Sports Centre will provide a large multipurpose space, and with most of its 10 000 seats retractable or removable it is not only suitable for hosting major competitions but will also provide many indoor sports courts for everyday community use. The 5 000-seat Public Sports Ground is suitable for hosting school athletics meetings, athletics training and local football league games. It will also be open to the public free of charge for jogging and exercise.

The Kai Tak Sports Park will also provide large open space for public enjoyment, with facilities such as outdoor ball courts, open lawn areas, children's play areas, fitness stations and more. Other facilities in the precinct include a health and wellness centre, a bowling centre, retail, food

and beverage outlets and about 850 parking spaces.

There are various energy conservation and sustainability design features such as a photovoltaic system, roof greening, vertical greening and parking spaces with electric vehicle charging facilities. There are also smart city initiatives including an intelligent building management system, wi-fi hot spots, an indoor positioning system, an intelligent car park management system and mobile applications to facilitate precinct information, booking of facilities and wayfinding.

The contract for the Kai Tak Sports Park is for 25 years, including four to five years for design and construction and approximately 20 years of operation. The Government will fund the construction cost of \$29.993 billion, while Kai Tak Sports Park Ltd is required to cover all operating costs and pay the Government 3 per cent of the gross income plus \$1.724 billion during the operation period.

The construction works will commence in the first quarter of 2019 and are scheduled for completion in 2023. When it commences operation, the Kai Tak Sports Park will provide high quality sports facilities to support the future sports development of Hong Kong. For details, please refer to the project website at www.KaiTakSportsPark.hk.

