

Hong Kong athletes achieve outstanding results at 2nd National Youth Games (with photos)

Hong Kong athletes achieved outstanding results at the 2nd National Youth Games (NYG) held in Taiyuan, Shanxi Province, in August, fetching 11 golds, 12 silvers and 17 bronzes. The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government hosted a reception today (September 24) to celebrate the return of the delegation.

The Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Lau Kong-wah, presented commendation certificates to the athletes at the celebration reception in recognition of their excellent performance. He complimented the athletes on their remarkable achievement of winning 40 medals, 10 times more than the figure for the 1st NYG, in which the delegation took home of one gold, one silver and two bronzes.

Mr Lau expressed gratitude to other members of the delegation, including team leaders, coaches and technical staff of national sports associations, and the medical and supporting team of the Hong Kong Sports Institute, for their active participation and significant contribution to sports development in Hong Kong.

"Efforts of national sports associations in youth training programmes also play a key role. To strengthen sports training for the youth and encourage more young athletes to participate in competitions and exchange outside Hong Kong, as well as enhance governance, we will propose to significantly increase the subvention to the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC) and national sports associations, reflecting the Government's determination to further promote sports development for the youth," Mr Lau said.

The NYG is a mega sports event held every four years for youths aged 19 or below. The HKSAR Delegation to the 2nd NYG comprised more than 800 members, with 620 athletes participating in final competitions in 27 sports. A total of 40 medals were won in 14 competition events, namely skating, football, handball, athletics, golf, triathlon, equestrian, karatedo, sport climbing, cycling, dancesport, fencing, badminton and tennis.

More than 400 Hong Kong athletes reached the top eight in competition events of the 2nd NYG. The gold medallists were Ng Tai-long, Yip Tak-long, Tsang Cheung-sing, Lo Cheuk-yat, Tallulah Wright and Cade Wright (triathlon); Tang Yu-hin and Cheng Hui-pan (karatedo); Tso Kai-kwong (cycling); Sin Kam-ho and Jerry Lee (dancesport); and Lee Mang-hin and Leung Chui-kei (tennis). Please refer to the annex for the list of Hong Kong medallists. Furthermore, the athletics team and the swimming team broke the youth records of Hong Kong in five events at the 2nd NYG.

The celebration reception was held at Tsuen Wan Sports Centre. Other guests attending the reception were the President of the SF&OC and Chairman of the Organising Committee of the Delegation, Mr Timothy Fok; the Permanent Secretary for Home Affairs and Honorary Adviser of the Delegation, Mrs Cherry Tse; the Acting Director of Leisure and Cultural Services and Vice Chairman of the Organising Committee of the Delegation, Ms Ida Lee; and the Vice Chairman of the Organising Committee and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Delegation, Mr Tony Yue.

For more details of Hong Kong athletes participating in the 2nd NYG, please visit the dedicated website of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/nygames/2019/index.html).

