

National Games Coordination Office set up

The Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau announced today (October 3) the setting up of the National Games Coordination Office (NGCO) to fully take on the planning and implementation work of the 15th National Games, as well as the 12th National Games for Persons with Disabilities (NGD) and the 9th National Special Olympic Games (NSOG), to be co-hosted by the Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao authorities in 2025.

The National Games, held once every four years, are the nation's highest-level and the largest national multisport event. The State Council announced in August 2021 that the 15th National Games would be co-hosted in Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao in 2025. This is the first time for Hong Kong to be a co-host of the National Games. The three sides will also co-host the 12th NGD and the 9th NSOG, to be held after the 15th National Games.

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR) set up the Hong Kong SAR Organising Committee of the 15th National Games in May 2023 with the Chief Executive as the Patron, the Chief Secretary for Administration as the Chairman and the Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism as the Secretary General to provide policy steer and oversee the preparation for events to be staged in Hong Kong. To oversee and co-ordinate related operational work, a Steering Committee chaired by the Permanent Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism with support from various Coordinating Committees, which carry out work in different areas including Competitions; Immigration, Security and Accreditation; Media, Publicity and Community Relations; Medical Services; and Transport and Traffic Arrangements, will be set up in the fourth quarter of 2023.

The NGCO, to be led by three senior directorate officers, will work closely with Guangdong Province and the Macao SAR Government to co-organise simple, safe and wonderful National Games.