## <u>Recruitment of Hong Kong volunteers</u> <u>for 15th National Games begins today</u> <u>(with photos/video)</u>

The Hong Kong Volunteer Programme of the 15th National Games was launched today (July 20) with the aim of recruiting approximately 10 000 members of the public to participate in voluntary work for the events of the 15th National Games (NG), the 12th National Games for Persons with Disabilities (NGD) and the 9th National Special Olympic Games (NSOG) to be held in Hong Kong.

Speaking at the launching ceremony of the Programme today, the Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Chan Kwok-ki, said that Hong Kong being a co-host of next year's NG, NGD and NSOG is not only a recognition of Hong Kong's sports development by the country, but also an opportunity for the whole community to participate in and personally support this national event, contributing to the sports development of the country. He called on members of the public, companies and organisations to enthusiastically sign up for the Programme, implementing the spirit of "Let's volunteer for the National Games".

Other officiating guests at the launching ceremony included the Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism, Mr Kevin Yeung; the Permanent Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism, Mr Joe Wong; the Head of the National Games Coordination Office, Mr Yeung Tak-keung; the Chairman of the Agency for Volunteer Service, Ms Melissa Pang; and the Chairman of the Hong Kong Volunteers Association, Mr Andy Kwok.

The Agency for Volunteer Service and the Hong Kong Volunteers Association have been appointed by the National Games Coordination Office (Hong Kong) under the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau as the assisting organisations of the Programme. The two organisations will assist in coordinating the recruitment of volunteers, as well as their training, work allocation and management.

From now until September 20, persons aged 18 or above (as of December 31, 2024), holding a valid Hong Kong Identity Card and able to speak Cantonese and Putonghua, can visit the Programmme's website at www.2025ngvolunteer.hk for making online applications. Organisations interested in taking part as group volunteers can also apply through the assisting organisations within the application period.

Applicants who have passed the interviews and completed the training courses will be appointed as volunteers to provide services during the test events and games to be held in Hong Kong, including reception services upon arrival and departure, audience services, guest reception, crowd control, transport and logistics, as well as catering management. For details of the Programme, please visit the website of the Hong Kong Volunteer Programme of the 15th National Games at <u>www.2025ngvolunteer.hk</u>.

The 15th NG will be held from November 9 to 21, 2025, lasting for 13 days. Hong Kong will organise eight competition events, namely, Basketball (men U22), Cycling Track, Fencing, Golf, Handball (men), Rugby Sevens, Triathlon and Beach Volleyball, as well as one mass participation event, Bowling.

The 12th NGD and 9th NSOG will be held from December 8 to 15, 2025, lasting for eight days. Hong Kong will organise four competition events, namely, NGD events Boccia, Wheelchair Fencing and Para Table Tennis (TT11), and NSOG event Table Tennis, as well as one mass participation event, Para Dance Sport.

For more information about the NG, NGD and NSOG, please visit the dedicated webpage under the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau at <a href="http://www.cstb.gov.hk/tc/national-games/index.html">www.cstb.gov.hk/tc/national-games/index.html</a>.

