Remarks by SCST at media session

Following are the remarks by the Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism, Mr Kevin Yeung, at a media session after attending the media briefing on the governance of national sports associations (NSAs) and the Code of Governance today (November 20):

Reporter: What do you make of this review? How do you think this can help sports associations and the whole sector in Hong Kong?

Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism: The SF&OC (the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China) today, they are doing a briefing for all the NSAs about a review of the governance of all the NSAs. They also have a number of recommendations. They have a Code of Governance for the NSAs to follow. As we understand, the background of all the NSAs may be different, and they are at different stages of development, so the SF&OC has given two years for various NSAs to make adjustments and to improve their governance, including some of the internal procedures, the membership, selection of athletes, and all these different areas of issues. From the Government's point of view, I think it is a very important step forward for the further enhancement of our whole sports development in the future. We are positive and we will work with the SF&OC and all the NSAs to make sure that we are all going towards the right direction.

(Please also refer to the Chinese portion of the remarks.)