

## [SCST meets with Director of Hangzhou Sports Bureau \(with photos\)](#)

The Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism, Mr Kevin Yeung, continued his visit in Hangzhou. He met with the Director of the Hangzhou Sports Bureau, Mr Jin Chenglong, today (August 1) to exchange views on sports development on both sides and explore opportunities for co-operation. Mr Yeung also took the opportunity to visit the Hangzhou Chen Jinglun Sports School under the Bureau. Mr Yeung then met with the 19th Asian Games Hangzhou 2022 Organising Committee in the afternoon for exchanges and visited the Hangzhou Asian Games Village to learn about the opportunities and challenges of hosting the Asian Games and the Asian Para Games, and ways to promote sports for all through the Games.

Mr Yeung said, "The 19th Asian Games is the third time our country is hosting this Asian mega sports event. Our visit and exchanges will help Hong Kong to co-host the 15th National Games in 2025, making good use of the Kai Tak Sports Park which will be completed soon to further promote sports development. The Hong Kong, China Delegation will send more than 680 athletes, the biggest scale ever, to compete in this Asian Games. The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government gives full support to our athletes to strive for excellence and bring glory to our country and Hong Kong. In addition to the Hong Kong Sports Institute's support to athletes competing in elite sports events, the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau has also approved from the Arts and Sport Development Fund (Sports Portion) a grant of \$74 million in preparation funding to support other athletes and their teams preparing for the Games. I wish the Asian Games and Asia Para Games in Hangzhou a great success."

Together with the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services, Mr Vincent Liu, Mr Yeung also visited the Hangzhou Olympic Sports Centre, which is the main venue of the Asian Games and one of the biggest sports centres in the country. Mr Yeung also visited the Huanglong Sports Centre to learn about its smart system in venue management and its operation.

Members of the Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs, Culture and Sports also joined the meeting and visited the two venues. Mr Yeung shared with Panel members the progress of the preparation efforts of the Hong Kong, China Delegation and the HKSAR Government's support for athletes who compete in the Asian Games.

