

SCST reviews preparatory work for test event to be held at Kai Tak Sports Park (with photos)

The Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism, Mr Kevin Yeung, visited the Kai Tak Sports Park (KTSP) today (October 21) to inspect the construction progress of the KTSP and review the preparatory work for the test event to be held there on October 27 (Sunday).

The first test event of the KTSP will take place at the Public Sports Ground on October 27, with around 1 000 invited spectators attending a local football match. With its proximity to the Sung Wong Toi Station of the MTR, it is expected that the majority of the spectators will make use of railway services to access the Public Sports Ground. The MTR Corporation Limited has made preparation for the operation arrangements of the Sung Wong Toi Station and Kai Tak Station earlier.

At the visit today, Mr Yeung also asked the Kai Tak Sports Park Limited (KTSP Limited) to ensure smooth arrangements for the test event and enhancement measures of the pedestrian facilities and the environment to provide a good experience for visitors.

"The first test event at the Public Sports Ground on October 27 marks a milestone for progressing to the official commissioning of the KTSP. The Government and KTSP Limited will organise multiple test events and drills. With the concerted efforts of different bureaux and departments, we are confident that the test events and drills will enable us to accumulate invaluable experience for better preparation of the full commissioning of the KTSP," Mr Yeung said.

As mentioned in "The Chief Executive's 2024 Policy Address", the major facilities of the KTSP will be completed by the end of this year. The KTSP, being the largest sports infrastructure project ever commissioned in Hong Kong, will be open in the first quarter of 2025. It will boost sports development and inject impetus into related industries such as recreation, entertainment and tourism, and also mega-event economy.

To ensure smooth operations after its official commissioning, the KTSP will organise a series of test events and drills from end-October to the first quarter of next year. The schedule of test events will dovetail with the construction progress of the facilities in respective venues of the KTSP as well as the readiness of the operator. The test events and drills will begin from the periphery of the KTSP, followed by the testing of facilities within the precinct gradually. The number of participants at the test events and drills will also increase incrementally, from 1 000 as a start to around 50 000 participants eventually. It is expected that a total of around 150 000 to 200 000 participants will take part in the test events and drills before the official commissioning of the KTSP.

