

Welcome home reception for HKSAR Delegation to 1st National Student (Youth) Games held today (with photos)

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government hosted a welcome home reception at Ma On Shan Sports Centre, Sha Tin, this afternoon (December 16) to congratulate home athletes of the HKSAR Delegation on their triumphant return to the 1st National Student (Youth) Games (NSYG) and express gratitude to the coaches and support teams for their efforts. The Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism, Mr Kevin Yeung, officiated at the ceremony and presented certificates of commendation to the athletes with outstanding performances.

Speaking at the ceremony, Mr Yeung said the Government sent a delegation of 720 athletes to participate in the 1st NSYG, which is the largest delegation ever for the HKSAR to take part in such a national multisport event in the country. The Hong Kong team achieved an encouraging result and won a total of 48 medals in the finals of seven sports in the School Category and 27 sports in the Open Category, comprising 10 gold medals, 15 silver medals and 23 bronze medals.

The 1st NSYG was held in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, between November 5 and 15. The NSYG, merged from the National Student Sports Games and the National Youth Games, aims to facilitate interactions and exchanges among young athletes in sports to raise the level of competition and performance of sports, as well as identify potential athletes.

Also attending the reception today were the President of the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, and the Chairman of the Organising Committee of the Delegation, Mr Timothy Fok; the Permanent Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism and Honorary Adviser of the Delegation, Mr Joe Wong; the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services and Deputy Chef de Mission of the Delegation, Mr Vincent Liu; the Commissioner for Sports and member of the Organising Committee of the Delegation, Mr Sam Wong; the Deputy Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (Leisure Services) and member of the Organising Committee of the Delegation, Miss Winnie Chui; the Head of Sports Section of the Department of Publicity, Cultural and Sports Affairs of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR, Mr Zhu Jianping; and the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Delegation, Mr Cheng King-leung.

