

香港棒球總會有限公司二零零七至 二零零八年度周年會員大會

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主席報告

本人以喜悦的心情向各位報告香港棒球總會二零零七至二零零八年度的會務和表現。

這年度是一個令人興奮的體育年度。二零零八年奧運在北京舉行,這是我國等待了百年的盛事。棒球在這次奧運中舉辦得十分成功,得到海峽兩岸的領導人親臨棒球場觀賽及為兩岸棒球員打氣;令兩岸三地的棒球員及棒球迷感到十分興奮和鼓舞。

於二零零七年十一月,香港棒球代表隊首次打入亞洲錦標賽,並取得亞洲排名第七的位置。這次亞洲錦標賽是北京奧運 資格賽。

於二零零八年二月,本會首次舉辦女子國際棒球賽,得到萬威國際冠名贊助,賽事名為"《Oregon Scientific鳳凰盃》香港國際女子棒球錦標賽2008"。參加隊伍來自澳洲,北美,韓國,日本,台灣和香港。這是本會響應國際棒球聯會推動女子棒球運動的首次女子國際棒球賽事。

於二零零八年十月,中國香港體育協會暨奧林匹克委員會接受本會申請,由「觀察會員」(Observer) 升格為「準會員」 (Associate Member)。

在本年度內,本會的會務和舉辦的活動,報告如下:

(一)賽事方面

- (甲)本地賽事:年度內參加隊伍達四十六隊。計男子甲組五隊、男子乙組十二隊、女子組五隊、新秀賽分三組 別舉行,共十一隊參加;為提供更多比賽機會予本地少年棒球員,本會持續舉辦《總會盃》棒球聯賽,分三組別 進行比賽,共十三隊參賽。
- (乙)國際賽事:除了亞洲錦標賽及"《Oregon Scientific鳳凰盃》香港國際女子棒球錦標賽2008"外,本會也主辦了第三屆《少年珠江盃》,隊伍分別來自北京、福岡、廣州、高雄、澎湖、深圳等地區,以及派隊參加在台北舉行的小馬聯盟亞太區錦標賽;及安排隊伍到台灣嘉義參加第十屆諸羅山盃國際軟式少年棒球邀請賽、在台北舉行的2007臺北國際城市青少棒錦標賽。
- (二)精英培訓:本會培訓棒球精英不遺餘力。為加強培訓各級別男女棒球員團隊精神提升球員全面技術,訓練成為新梯隊港隊成員,支援香港代表隊,備戰國際賽事,本會舉辦分齡棒球精英培訓計劃、選材訓練計劃、女子棒球訓練計劃。本會續聘前中華台北代表隊投手教練夏隆正先生訓練香港代表隊球員。球隊整體進步不少。
- (三)棒球推廣:本會一向以來努力推廣棒球運動。由年紀小至五歲都可參加的Tee Ball活動,到分區舉辦的棒球初級訓練班都吸引到兒童以至成年人參加。Tee Ball組反應尤其熱烈,除了得到室內場館持續支持舉辦室內棒球訓練班外,更獲康文署資助開辦中班課程。學校推廣方面,共開辦61項訓練課程。
- (四)教練、裁判及記錄員培訓:香港棒球裁判學院首度獲國際棒聯邀請派出裁判,參與女子世界賽執法。在教練培訓方面,亞洲棒協派出兩名日本資深教練來港指導,使香港教練獲益良多。香港球員的水平已愈來愈高,因此需要訓練更多高質素的教練、裁判和記錄員。
- (五)會員及與屬會關係:本會永久會員續有增加。爭取更多人士加入本會是本會努力的目標。本會與十五個屬會保持良好關係,舉行經常性會議,討論棒球活動和有關事項,攜手推進香港棒球運動的發展。在康文署的資助下,各社區體育會合共舉辦了28個棒球活動,供社區人士參加。本會再度協助香港少棒聯盟取得政府資助舉辦亞太區少棒錦標賽。
- (六)行政及出版:(i)本會維持四位全職員工。但由於活動繁多,人手實在不足。幸好有多位董事、委員及會員投入義務工作,使會務及活動能順利進行。(ii)於年度內,本會出版季刊《上壘》,會員投稿踴躍,圖文並茂。本會亦在每次舉辦的本地國際賽時印發場刊。
- (七)場地及設施:棒球活動愈來愈受香港市民歡迎,對場地的需求愈來愈大。本會已努力與民政事務局及康文署展開討論,要求興建國際標準棒球比賽場館及增加場地,得到有關當局的正面關注。

展望:香港棒球運動正不斷地快速發展中。在海峽兩岸對棒球運動的熱烈推動下,不想落後,更不敢忘記溫家寶總理的鼓勵。本會定要把香港的棒球運動搞好。

致謝:本人謹代表董事會在此感謝名譽會長、名譽顧問、民政事務局、康樂及文化事務署、環保署、中國香港體育協 會暨奧林匹克委員會、香港體育學院及各區區議會的支持和指導,各界人士的捐助。本人亦同時感謝各董事、委員及 義務工作人員的無私奉獻,本會的職員的勤奮工作。

Philip Li The Hong Kong Baseball Association Limited Chairman

Chairman's Report

I am pleased to report the performance of the Hong Kong Baseball Association for the period of 2007-2008, as follows:-

The year 2008 was an exciting sport year. The 2008 Beijing Olympic Games was successfully held in the year. Hosting the Olympic Games was the dream we Chinese had longed over a century. The baseball game at this Olympic Games was ended in a great success where the government leaders from the Mainland and Taiwan arrived in person at the baseball stadium to cheer up the baseball players of the Chinese team and the Chinese Taipei team. Their support made the baseball players and baseball fans very excited and encouraged.

The Hong Kong team broke the ice to enter the Asian Championship 2007 which was the IBAF Baseball Olympic Qualifying Tournament for Olympic Games 2008. The tournament placed Hong Kong on the seventh place in Asia. Many congratulations.

In echoing IBAF's promotion of women's baseball, the Association hosted its debut international women's baseball game, the "Oregon Scientific Phoenix Cup" Hong Kong International Women's Baseball Tournament 2008. Thanks to IDT International Limited for the title-sponsorship. Six teams came from Australia, North America, Korea, Japan, Taiwan and Hong Kong to play at the game, which ended in cheer and joy.

In October 2008, the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, accepted the Association's application for upgrading of its membership status from "Observer" to "Associate Member".

(1) Tournaments:

(A) Local Games:

There were 46 teams participating in the baseball games organized by the Association, including five teams in the A-grade Men's Open League, twelve teams in the B-grade Men's Open League, five teams in the Women's Open League and eleven teams in the respective three Beginners Leagues. The Association continued organizing the "HKBA Cup" that a total number of thirteen teams played in three respective age groups.

(B) International Games:

Besides the playing at the Asian Championship and organizing the "Oregon Scientific Phoenix Cup", the Association also organized the III Youth Zhujiang Cup in 2007. Seven teams came respectively from Beijing, Fukuoka, Guangzhou, Kaohsiung, Penghu, Shenzhen and Hong Kong. The Association continued to send teams to participate in the PONY Asia Pacific Zone Tournament, the Jhu-luo Shan Cup and the Taipei International "AA" Tournament.

(2) Squad Training:

The Association continued to make its best efforts for squad training, including the appointment of Coach Hsia Lung Cheng, the former Chinese Taipei National Team pitching Coach, to lift the standard of the Hong Kong team players.

(3) Baseball Promotion

The Association continued with its best efforts to promote baseball to all age groups, from kids of five years old in the Tee Ball games to youth and adults groups in the district training programmes. In response to the strong demand for the Tee Ball games, the Association applied and obtained the support of LCSD to launch intermediate training programme for children. As for promotion to schools, 61 training programmes were launched and completed.

(4) Coach, Umpire and Scorer Training:

The Association in its first time sent an umpire to the Women's Baseball World Cup held in Japan. With the support of Baseball Federation of Asia, two senior and experienced Japanese coaches came to give a baseball clinic to the Hong Kong coaches who then learned a lot from the two coaches. This clinic was deemed necessary as the number of games is increasing and the standard of players is rising that more quality coaches, umpires and scorers are required.

(5) Membership Drive and Relationship with Affiliated Associations and Clubs:

The number of life members increased steadily. Membership drive is always an important objective of the Association. The Association has been keeping good relationship with its 15 affiliated associations and clubs. Regular meetings between the Association and them are held to communicate information and ideas so as to promote baseball in Hong Kong hand-in-hand. With the support of LCSD, 28 baseball activities were completed by the Association's affiliated associations and clubs. The Association continued to assist the Hong Kong Little League in its hosting of the Little League Asia Pacific Tournament.

(6) Administration and Publication:

The Association employed four full-time staff that was too far from sufficient for the day-to-day work and organizing of activities. So far, a number of enthusiastic directors, committee members and volunteer workers gave us their helping hands so that the work and activities could be carried out smoothly. For the reporting period, there were four photo-and-content-rich issues of the Run magazine were published. The Association also published game programme for every regional game or international tournament hosted.

(7) Fields and Facilities:

Baseball is a fast rising sport in Hong Kong that the increasing demand for more baseball fields is apparent. The Association has been working very hard to discuss with Home Affairs Bureau and LCSD to request for the building of an international standard baseball stadium and for the increase baseball fields and time slots for baseball games.

Outlook

Baseball in Hong Kong has been developing very fast. In the light of the strong advancement of baseball in the Mainland and Taiwan, the Association is committed to mobilizing its resources to make baseball a strong sport in town. The Association will not be left behind and will not forget the encouragement given by Premiere Wan Jiabao.

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On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to thank the Association's Hon. President; Hon. Advisers; Home Affairs Bureau; Leisure and Cultural Services Department; Environmental Protection Department, Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China; Hong Kong Sports Institute and the relevant District Councils for their guidance and support. I would also like to thank the donors and sponsors for their generosity; the Directors; Committee Members and volunteer workers for their relentless efforts and devotion; and the officers for their hard work.