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Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Establishment of the HKSAR – Hong Kong Elite Baseball Showcase @SummerFest

[Hong Kong, 17 July 2022] Hong Kong Baseball Elite Exhibition Match, a baseball event organized by the Hong Kong Baseball Association, the Central Harbourfront Event Space and the SummerFest, and sponsored by the Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, was successfully held at the Central Harbourfront Event Space. The public was invited to experience the fun of baseball and baseball5 exhibition through various baseball experience activities, Baseball5 exhibition games and other activities, aiming to raise public awareness and support of baseball.

Mr. FAN Chun Wah Andrew, and the president of the Hong Kong Baseball Association, gave a speech at the opening ceremony this afternoon, “To be a good baseball player, in addition to having a healthy physique, precise vision, and high hand-eye coordination, it is also necessary to flexibly use the technical concept. Of course, the most important thing is to never give up and respect the sportsmanship of the opponent. I hope you will enjoy this event today and charmed by baseball.”

Other guests attending the event included Mr. FAN Chun Wah Andrew, President of the Hong Kong Baseball Association; Mr. Dave HO, Chairman; Mr. CHONG Ki Ming, Secretary General; Mr. LEUNG Tak Kwong, Vice Chairman; Mr. Charles TO, Honorary Legal Advisor; Mr. AU Wing Leung Jose, Director; Mr. CHIU Chi Kam Kenneth, Director; Mr. LAI Kwong Ip, Founder of the Hong Kong Newly Emerged Sports Association and Mr. NG Ka Him, the President of the Hong Kong Softball Association. Their generous support contributed great success to the event.

This event is not only an activity to promote baseball and baseball5, but also one of the activities to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region. We hope that the public enjoy participating in baseball activities, and share the joyful moment.

The Memorandum of Understanding Signing Ceremony with the Newly Emerged Sports Association

The Hong Kong Baseball Association (HKBA) and the Newly Emerged Sports Association of Hong Kong China (NESA), also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Baseball5 cooperation today. Baseball5 is a fast-growing sport with major international tournaments taking places around the world, and the Youth Baseball5 World Cup coming up in 2023. HKBA and NESA signed a memorandum of understanding to strengthen local promotion activities. Mr. Dave HO, the Chairman of HKBA said, “The Hong Kong Baseball Association is very honored to host this event, and thanks again to the



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Jockey Club Charities Trust, CTSB, for celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Establishment of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of People's Republic of China.

Today is also special because we are partnering with NESB to make new attempts. In corporate Baseball5 into newly emerged sports, widely promote it in different schools and platforms, and bring it into the community, attracting more youths, students and the public to experience it together, in order to popularize and liven the sport."

Baseball5 Hong Kong Team Flag Presentation to the Baseball5 Asian Cup Tournament (Open)

A flag presentation was held by the Hong Kong Baseball Association (HKBA) held for the Baseball5 Team to participate in the Baseball5 Asian Cup Tournament (Open), where a number of officiating guests, including Mr. FAN Chun Wah Andrew, President of the Hong Kong Baseball Association, Mr. NG Ka Him, President of the Hong Kong Softball Association, handed over the HKSAR flag to the players and coaches of the Baseball5 Hong Kong Team. They wished the Hong Kong team to win the Asian Cup for Hong Kong.

Festival of Sport features with Baseball5 and Baseball Athletes Talent on August 7

The Hong Kong Baseball Association will also organize the 65th Festival of Sport on [August 7, 2022] in Sai Tso Wan, which will be organized by the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong. There will be a series of demonstrations and inter-league play mode demonstrations. The Hong Kong team will also have baseball skills demonstrations and home run derby. The event is open to the public. All are welcome to join the baseball event.

End

July 17, 2022 (Sunday)

Hong Kong time (GMT +8) 1500



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Baseball5 FQA:

Q: What is the size of a baseball5 field?

A: The field is in a square shape with 21M x 21M. The distance in between bases is 13 M; The distance in between infield and outfield is 5M; Hitting Zone is a 3M x 3M square.

Q: Does Baseball5 have field restrictions?

A: No. Baseball5 can be played anywhere, whether indoors or outdoors, including hard-surfaced, grass-surfaced or sand-surfaced venues.

Q: Is the baseball5 can be played with both genders?

A: Yes. Can be played with mixed genders.

Q: Any equipment required?

A: All you need is a Baseball5 ball, no gloves, players can catch the ball with bare hands.

Q: Do Baseball5 have a pitcher?

A: No. Baseball5 does not have a pitcher, the batter must toss the ball and hit it with his hand.

Q: Do Baseball5 have "Strikeout"?

A: Yes. However, batter has only one chance to hit the ball, batter will be called "out" as long as hit illegal hit or foul ball, swinging the miss, first bounce did not pass the line (3M for under 15 years old in Youth category; 4.5M for 15 years old or above in open category) in front of the Homeplate.

Q: Really? Only one chance to hit?

A: In the Youth category and other age-group categories below, players will have a second chance in the case of an illegal hit or foul-ball.

Q: Can I hit the ball with other parts of my body besides my hands?

A: No. Players can only hit the ball with a palm or fist.

Q: Can I hit a home run?

A: Yes, but you will be called out, and runners on base cannot score. Baseball5 has no home runs.