CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

2026 Annual General Meeting

Reported by CHONG Ki Ming, Stanley



Dear Members,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of The Baseball Association of Hong Kong, China Limited, I am honored to present the 2026 Chairman's Report. This year has been marked by significant achievements in both international competitions and event hosting, reflecting the growing stature of Hong Kong within the global baseball community. Our athletes have demonstrated remarkable progress and resilience at all levels, while our locally organized international tournaments have further established Hong Kong as an emerging hub for baseball in Asia.

Annual Activities and Performance Overview

Our senior men's team delivered outstanding performances throughout the year. The highlight of their season came at the 11th Hong Kong International Baseball Open in December 2025, where they successfully defended their championship title with a thrilling 4–3 victory over the Shin Chang Baseball Team, sealed by a dramatic walk-off hit. In addition, the team represented Hong Kong, China at the 20th Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, competing against the continent's elite and gaining invaluable experience on a prestigious international stage; the team finished eighth overall.

Our youth development programmes yielded impressive results, particularly at the XIV BFA U18 Asian Baseball Championship in September 2026. Our young athletes showcased considerable character and resilience, bouncing back to secure three consecutive victories in the placement round and achieving a fifth-place finish. Furthermore, our U12 team competed valiantly at the XII BFA U12 Asian Baseball Championship, showcasing the depth of our future talent.

Our women's team delivered truly historic performances in international competitions this year. The team successfully defended its title at the "Phoenix Cup 2026" Hong Kong

International Women's Baseball Tournament on home soil, defeating Hong Kong Mercury 17–2 in the final. It also won the 2026 Guali Cup Asian Women's City Baseball League with an undefeated record. On the global stage, our women's team represented Hong Kong, China at the WBSC Women's Baseball World Cup 2026 in Rockford, USA, competing against the world's best. These achievements highlight the rapid development and immense potential of women's baseball in Hong Kong.

Local International Events

This season, the Association successfully organized several major international tournaments that have contributed significantly to the development of baseball in Hong Kong. We hosted the 11th Hong Kong International Baseball Open (HKIBO) in December 2025, which brought together seven competitive teams from across the region. The event provided excellent high-level competition for our senior team while showcasing the depth of our local developmental squads. HKIBO is an international event that welcomes both men and women to compete on the same platform. In February 2026, we organized the "Phoenix Cup 2026" Hong Kong International Women's Baseball Tournament, featuring international women's teams and culminating in our women's team winning the championship title.

Baseball5 Development

We also successfully hosted the 3rd Baseball5 Asia Cup 2026 in March, further establishing Hong Kong as a regional center for Baseball5 development in Asia; our team finished fifth out of nine teams. Following this success, we hosted the 2nd Hong Kong High Five Baseball5 Championship, a local international event that welcomes teams from around the world; this year, we were joined by Team Fiji in September at D·PARK in Tsuen Wan. Continuing our pioneering initiative, this community-focused event brought the sport directly to the public in a shopping mall, significantly raising its visibility and public accessibility. The event also featured the first-ever Hong Kong Inter-school Baseball5 Championship on an international-standard court, introducing Baseball5 to a wider audience. These events demonstrated our organizational capabilities and promoted cultural exchange across the region.

Development of Technical Officials

The Association invited international instructors appointed by the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) to conduct training programmes for local participants as well as international participants nominated by their respective national federations. The

programmes included:

- WBSC Baseball5 Coach Programme 2026
- WBSC Baseball5 Game Officials Seminar 2026
- 2026 WBSC Technical Officials Licensing Programmes for Umpires, Scorers and Technical Commissioners in Hong Kong
- WBSC Coach Licensing Programme – Level 1 Baseball

The collaboration between the Association and the Chinese Professional Baseball League (CPBL) Umpire Committee has enabled us to send umpires to Taiwan for training and to arrange for the CPBL Umpire-in-chief, Mr. Chang Chan-jung (張展榮), and experienced umpire instructors to come to Hong Kong to deliver umpiring courses. The results have been encouraging, and we will continue to collaborate with the CPBL to train local umpires.

Dr William Wan, our Director of Information Technology and Sports Science, was invited to host an informative workshop on the principles and applications of physiotherapy during the Coach Annual Meeting 2026. The session provided an invaluable opportunity for our coaching staff to deepen their understanding of athlete recovery and injury prevention methodologies.

Involvement in the International Federation and Asian Federation

The dedicated contributions and commitment of our members and representatives to the sport have been recognized. The following have been appointed by the World Baseball Softball Confederation (WBSC) and the Baseball Federation of Asia (BFA) and will contribute to the development of baseball in the region and globally:

- **Mr CHONG Ki Ming, Stanley**, Chairman of BAHKC — appointed by the BFA as **Member-at-Large** for the 2027–2030 term.
- **Dr William Wan**, Director of Information Technology and Sports Science of BAHKC — appointed by the WBSC as a **Member of the Medical Commission** (2026–2030).
- **Ms Cindy Chan**, Scoring Director of BAHKC — appointed by the WBSC as a **Member of the Scoring Commission** (2026–2030) and by the BFA as **Scoring Director** for 2024–2026.
- **Miss Debby Su Yee Mak**, Hong Kong, China Women's Team player — appointed by the WBSC as **Athlete Representative for Baseball on the Athletes Commission** (2026–2030).
- **Ms Nicky To**, Senior Sports Manager of BAHKC — appointed by the WBSC as a **Member of the Diversity & Inclusivity Commission and the Women's Baseball Development Commission** (2026–2030).

Operation of Tsuen Wan No. 2 Fresh Water Service Reservoir Baseball Field

The Association was granted funding from the Sir David Trench Fund for Recreation (Main Fund) in 2022–23 to support the construction of a baseball field on top of the Tsuen Wan No. 2 Fresh Water Service Reservoir (Tsuen Wan No. 2 Baseball Field) under a special project. The site is suitably sized for a U12 baseball field. In addition to U12 training and competition, the field can support baseball training for club teams and school teams. Since its opening in June 2025, our U12 regional squad has held weekly training there. To maximize its usage, the Association will organize baseball leagues at the Tsuen Wan No. 2 Baseball Field.

Looking Forward

Building on this year's accomplishments, we are pleased to announce our upcoming major local international events for the 2026–2027 season, demonstrating our commitment to the sustained development of baseball in Hong Kong:

- **17–20 December 2026:** 12th Hong Kong International Baseball Open
- **25–28 February 2027:** "Phoenix Cup 2027" Hong Kong International Women's Baseball Tournament
- **26–28 March 2027:** 2nd Hong Kong International Youth Baseball Classic
- **24–26 September 2027:** 3rd Hong Kong High Five Baseball5 Championship

Furthermore, we are pleased to announce the preparatory work for the Greater Bay Area Baseball Super League, which is scheduled to run in 2027 on a provisional basis. Timed to coincide with the 30th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and in response to the national 15th Five-Year Plan, BAHKC is joining hands with core regional cities to launch this pioneering league. The inaugural season is planned to feature senior teams aiming to propel the professionalization of baseball, alongside youth teams to extend its popularization; the league will provide a sustainable high-level platform for our athletes. More than just a sporting event, it serves as a fitting tribute to this historic milestone and will further reinforce Hong Kong's strategic role as a premier baseball hub in the Greater Bay Area.

In addition to our achievements on the field, the Association is committed to continuously reviewing our internal policies and guidelines to ensure we uphold the highest standards of corporate governance. We will strive to adopt best practices in organizational management, transparency, and accountability, thereby strengthening our governance framework to build greater trust among our stakeholders and secure a solid foundation for the long-term and sustainable development of baseball in Hong Kong.

Acknowledgements

We would like to express our special gratitude to our President, Mr Dave Ho, for inviting various government officials and key stakeholders to meet with the Board of Directors throughout the year. These engagements have greatly enhanced our communication, fostered stronger ties with the Government, and broadened our knowledge across different sectors. We also extend our deep appreciation to our Honorary Life Presidents, Mr Laurence Lee, Mr Philip Li and The Honourable Andrew Fan, JP, for their invaluable guidance and unwavering support.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau (CSTB), the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC), coaching staff, athletes, baseball fans and staff members whose dedication made this year's achievements possible. Special appreciation goes to parents, sponsors and partner organizations for their unwavering support. We thank the World Baseball Softball Confederation and the Baseball Federation of Asia for providing competitive platforms and acknowledge the Hong Kong sports community for its growing engagement with baseball. The success of our international events would not have been possible without the participation of visiting teams and the hard work of our organizing committee.

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- Please refer to **Annex I** for the event highlights during the year.