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The 65th Festival of Sports – Inclusive day for Inheritance of Baseball

[Hong Kong, 7 August 2022] Inclusive day for Inheritance of Baseball, a sports event of Festival of Sports organized by the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China., Hong Kong Baseball Association and sponsored by Leisure and Cultural Services Department. The event was successfully held at Lam Tin Sai Tso Wan Recreation Ground and welcomed any ages of the public, experienced various baseball activities, aiming to raise public awareness and support of baseball. Achieve the “Inheritance & communion” value to the public.

Mr. Tony K.L. YUE, the Chairperson of Festival of Sports Organizing Committee, Mr. FAN Chun Wah Andrew, the President of the Hong Kong Baseball Association and Mr. Dave HO, the Chairman of Hong Kong Baseball Association as the officiating guests of the kick-off ceremony for the “Inclusive day for Inheritance of Baseball”, was kicked off in the form of pitching.

Mr. FAN Chun Wah Andrew, the President of the Hong Kong Baseball Association, gave a speech at the opening ceremony, “Today is 65th Festival of Sports, we are delightful to cooperate with Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China., “Inclusive day for inheritance of Baseball” event to deepen the public’s interest and understanding of baseball”.

Mr. Dave HO, the Chairman of Hong Kong Baseball Association said, “The pandemic has affected the development of sports. Major events and large-scale international competitions cannot be held. Elite athletes lack preparation time or regular drills, and it is more difficult to gain practical experience. All challenges are our driving force. We listen and pay attention to baseball development. Be the best in our ability”.

Mr. Tony YUE, the Chairperson of Festival of Sports Organizing Committee said, “Festival of Sports aims to promote sportsmanship and national sports. In the past two years, due to the impact of the pandemic, the Festival of Sports has been turned into Virtual event. This year, I am very happy that the Hong Kong Baseball Association



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held a physical event. Physical events feel very different from virtual events, and it is a great chance for holding a physical event at Sai Tso Wan Recreation Ground. The theme of today's event are "Inclusive day of Inheritance, which are closely related to the theme of Festival of Sports.

Variety ages exhibition game was hotly staged

Hong Kong Baseball Association (HKBA) brought different age group of the exhibition game to the event. Including Hong Kong Men National Team VS U19 Elite Training Team, Hong Kong Women National Team VS U16 All-Star Team. To achieve "Inheritance & Communion" from the excitement of baseball is suitable for all ages instead of adults.

Beside of traditional baseball, HKBA also arrange the newly merged sports "Baeball5" competition game. Our Baeball5 Hong Kong representative was ready to take flight to Malaysia for the participate of the Baeball5 Asia Cup Tournament (Open), wished the Hong Kong Team to win the Asia Cup for Hong Kong.

Hong Kong Men and Women Baseball Team demonstrating the baseball skills

For letting the public experiencing baseball, HKBA arranged variety of showcase and activities, from audiences transform to players, tasting the fun of baseball. The showcase demonstrated by the HKG team included the pitching velocity and curved ball, batting tee and baserunning(sliding).

The upcoming major development of Hong Kong Baseball

Hong Kong Baseball Association strives to hold the 3rd Women's Asia Cup in Hong Kong in March 2023; The first Women's Asia Cup will also be held in Hong Kong with six teams participating. The 2nd Women's Asia Cup was held in ZhongShan with eight teams participating. Women's baseball is developing rapidly in Aisa, and it is estimated that there will be 10-12 teams participating in the upcoming Women's Asia Cup. The entry quarantine policy may deter participating teams. After the opinions of various departments, the Association will provide the Baseball Federation of Asia(BFA) with the most feasible hosting plan, so as to successfully hold the competition.



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At the same time, HKBA will also strive to host the Men's Asia Cup Eastern Division in Hong Kong again. HKBA held the 12th Men's Asia Cup Eastern Division in 2018 with five teams participated. However, there is only one baseball field in Hong Kong for the training of the Hong Kong team at Sai Tso Wan Recreation Ground in Lam Tin. If there are eight teams participating in the next Men's Asia Cup, there is no second field in Hong Kong that can handle the required number of games. HKBA is looking forward to the completion of the baseball stadium in WhiteHead Sports Park in 2026, Hong Kong can continue to hold local large-scale international competitions in Hong Kong, and promote the development of the sports events.

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