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Dear Mr. SMYTH,

Thank you for your letter dated 2 and 4 June 2021 regarding your concerns about the Hong Kong Ice Hockey Association (HKIHA). Further to our interim reply dated 10 June 2021, we would like to provide a full reply as below.

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) administers the Sports Subvention Scheme (SSS) which provides annual subvention to “national sports associations” (NSAs) to support the promotion and development of their respective sports in Hong Kong. As HKIHA is full member of International Ice Hockey Federation and is recognized by Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China as the sole official representative for their respective sport in international events, HKIHA is one of subvented NSAs under SSS.

Use of Government Funding and Governance

In 2021-22, HKIHA uses the subvention for conducting squad trainings for youth, men and women teams, including participating in overseas events. They also use the subvention to organize training programmes in the community, local competitions, official trainings and coaching trainings. Besides, NSAs could apply for extra funding for under-privileged athletes for participating in overseas competition and training. To ensure the subvention is used properly, HKIHA is required to submit quarterly reports for all subvented programmes and to provide annual accounts audited by certified public accountants in accordance with the requirement stated in the Subvention Agreement.

NSAs, including the HKIHA, are non-profit-making bodies and registered independent legal entities. They are required to conduct their internal business in accordance with their Articles of Association (AoA) in an open, fair and transparent manner, and NSAs should make publicly available on their website information regarding their governance structure and operations, including their AoA. HKIHA

does publish its AoA on their website, in which the mechanism for voting the executive committee member is included. According to the information provided by HKIHA, they have been carrying out a comprehensive review to their AoA to enhance their governance.

Athletes Selection and Management of Resources

HKIHA has posted the Team Hong Kong Athletes Selection criteria on their website. However, the information for tryouts were only posted during the recruitment period. In order to provide clearer and more comprehensive information, HKIHA was advised to refine and improve their website presentation regarding the athlete selection.

According to the information provided by HKIHA, the skating treadmill is not owned by HKIHA. They hired the equipment from an independent provider for training on a sessional basis, of which the cost is subvented by the Home Affairs Bureau.

Thank you for your information and efforts for ice hockey development in Hong Kong. We had reminded HKIHA to maintain amicable relationship with their affiliated members and ice hockey associations. HKIHA has also been advised to offer their assistance to promote the sport of ice hockey.

LCSD will continue to monitor the performance of HKIHA. If you have further enquiry, please feel free to contact Ms Anna LEE of Sports Development Section on 2601 7646.

Yours sincerely,



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for Director of Leisure and Cultural Services