



Yau Yat Chuen Garden City Club Ltd.  
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Dear Members,

You may have learnt from various news and social media that the Home Affairs Bureau has published its report on the responses to the private recreation leases policy consultation paper it received during the consultation period last year.

The full report can be assessed at <https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr18-19/english/panels/ha/papers/ha20190225cb2-846-1-e.pdf> English version and at <https://www.legco.gov.hk/yr18-19/chinese/panels/ha/papers/ha20190225cb2-846-1-c.pdf> Chinese version.

Despite recognition of receiving proposals that Government should also take into account of private recreational clubs' non-sports contributions to society such as charity work, the Home Affairs Bureau report indicates that contribution to sports development of Hong Kong is the only criteria adopted by Government when considering renewal of such leases.

Proposals put forward in the consultation paper will be adopted except the proposal of charging one third full market value of the land. The excepted proposal will be reconsidered because of opposition from stakeholders and the major public user, the National Sports Association.

Much emphasis has been put on further opening up of the sports facilities to the public though "public" means eligible bodies set out in a list provided by the Home Affairs Bureau and further partnering with National Sports Associations (NSAs). Members of the public have warned against "fake opening up" and urged the Government to require opening up of peak hours as well.



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Our club naturally has to use its best endeavours to follow proposals adopted by Government in order to be favourably assessed by it when it is nearer the time of expiry of the club's lease in 2026 but actions must be taken as soon as possible given the time required for planning and implementation.

The PRL subcommittee and the Recreational subcommittee will, with the assistance of professional consultant, determine how best to position the club in the next few years while at the same time balancing all members' interest. The club was not designed as a club specialising in any particular sports so there are basic constraints against us.

I sincerely hope that solutions can be worked out to enable the club to contribute further and significantly to the sport development of Hong Kong and at the same time without the need of compromising members' use of the club's facilities to an unbearable extent.

I will report further and periodically after the two subcommittees have worked out solutions.

In the meantime, if you have any suggestion to make which is more than welcome, please email to [secretariat@yyclub.org](mailto:secretariat@yyclub.org).

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