

The 8th Busan FESPIC Games :
The Preparation, Participation, Achievement and Evaluation of
the Hong Kong, China Delegation
第八屆釜山遠南運動會：
香港代表隊的籌組工作、參加比賽、成績表現及賽後評估

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Abstract

This paper outlines a brief history of the FESPIC (Far East & South Pacific) Games and Hong Kong's involvement since 1975. It does not only present a comprehensive report on the preparation, participation and achievement of the Hong Kong, China Delegation in the 8th Busan FESPIC Games, but also skeletons the important facets in writing a report on overseas competition. "Ecstasy and agony" of the delegation are also highlighted with conclusion and recommendations for reference in future Games.

摘 要

本文鉤劃遠東及南太平洋區傷殘人士運動會(簡稱「遠南運動會」)簡史及香港自1975年起的積極參與。文中描述香港傷殘運動員代表隊如何準備第八屆遠南運動會、參賽情況、成績表現等。文章內容可用作撰寫參加海外賽事報告佳模。代表隊的「喜與悲」在總結及建議欄內可窺全豹，並可作日後參賽備忘。

1. Introduction of FESPIC Games

1.1. Brief history of the FESPIC Games and Hong Kong Participation

The 8th FESPIC Games had been successfully held in Busan, Korea between 26 October – 1 November 2002. The Hong Kong, China Delegation has clinched a total of 58 medals (27 gold, 15 silver and 16 bronze) in official events and ranked fifth after China, Korea, Thailand and Japan on the medal tally. Our intellectually disabled counterparts also shared

similar honor in winning 34 medals (14 gold, 10 silver and 10 bronze) in the three demonstration events.

"FESPIC" stands for the Far East and South Pacific Games for the Disabled (Souvenir Booklet, 2002). The Games is an international multi-sports meeting held every 4 years, just second to the Paralympic Games, and parallel to that of the Asian Games of our able-bodied counterparts. To encourage an active participation of more new disabled athletes, the FESPIC Games has stipulated a special rule that one third of the

athletes from each individual nation must be “novices” of not taking part in the Games before. Objectives of the Games are:

- To encourage sports participation among the disabled;
- To improve social perspective towards the disabled through sports participation; and
- To enhance mutual friendship and cooperation among the disabled.

The first FESPIC Games, started with 8 sports, was held in Oita, Japan in 1975. Over the past decades, the scale of the Games keeps expanding with active participation from respective member nations/territories of the FESPIC Region. An overview of the previous FESPIC Games is shown in Table 1.

Table 1. An Overview of the Previous FESPIC Games.

	Dates	City/ Country	No. of Events	No. of Nations	No. of Participants
1st	1-3 June 1975	Oita & Beppu, Japan	8	18	973
2nd	20-26 Nov1977	Parramatta, Australia	10	16	430
3rd	31 Oct-7 Nov 1982	Sha Tin, Hong Kong	9	23	744
4th	31 Aug-7 Sep 1986	Surakarta, Indonesia	12	19	834
5th	15-20 Sep 1989	Kobe, Japan	12	41	1,646
6th	4-10 Sep 1994	Beijing, China	13	42	2,081
7th	10-16 Jan 1999	Bangkok, Thailand	14	34	2,258

Hong Kong took part in the FESPIC Games since its inception in 1975 and has been an active participating member since then. However, mentally handicapped athletes were

not included in the Games until the last FESPIC Games held in 1999 in Bangkok, Thailand. Result summary of the Hong Kong Team in the FESPIC Games is shown in Table 2.

Table 2. Results Summary of Hong Kong Team at FESPIC Games.

Year	Venue	Medals Awarded			Ranking
		Gold	Silver	Bronze	
1975	Oita, Japan	15	6	8	
1977	Parramatta, Australia	2	8	10	
1982	Hong Kong	41	45	9	
1986	Solo, Indonesia	63	36	12	
1989	Kobe, Japan	42	30	28	5 th
1994	Beijing, China	19	19	17	6 th
1999	Bangkok, Thailand*	29	19	18	5 th
2002	Busan, Korea**	28	15	16	5 th
	Total:	239	178	118	

* : Including intellectually disabled with athletics, swimming and table tennis as official events.

** : Including intellectually disabled with athletics, swimming and table tennis as demonstration events.

1.2. Information of the 8th Busan FESPIC Games

Objective and direction

This was the first time for the Korean to host the Games. The preparation work had started well beforehand in 1999 right after the 7th FESPIC Games in Bangkok, Thailand. The theme of the 8th FESPIC Games was "A Challenge Towards Equality" with the objective and direction as follows (Progress Report, 2001; Promotion Booklet, 2001) :

- Encourage the disabled in their determination for rehabilitation, and to contribute to the improvement of social perspective towards the disabled;
- Lay a foundation for the development of the welfare system for the disabled;
- Lay a foundation for the development of sports for the disabled; and
- Contribute to the mutual friendship and cooperation between the disabled.

Brief information

The 8th FESPIC Games was held from 26 October to 1 November 2002, which was 12 days after the conclusion of the 14th Busan Asian Games and it used the same venues as the Asian Games. There were a total of 2,420 athletes from 43 FESPIC member nations participating in the Games which made it the ever largest Games since its inception in 1975.

There were a total of 17 events including Athletics, Swimming, Archery, Badminton, Wheelchair Basketball, Cycling, Fencing, Soccer, Judo, Shooting, Table Tennis, Wheelchair Tennis, Volleyball, Powerlifting, Lawn Bowling, Boccia and Goalball with a total of 433 gold medals.

Competition venues

In order to ensure the standard of the Games, the Busan city had constructed a total of 7 brand new competition venues for the Games, including venues for Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Wheelchair Basketball, Wheelchair Fencing, Tennis and Sitting Volleyball.

2. Preparation of the Hong Kong, China Delegation

The preparation work of the Hong Kong, China Delegation for the 8th FESPIC Games started well in advance in year 2001 by applying additional fund, the FESPIC Games Preparation Fund, in preparing the team for the Games. Concrete preparation work started in early 2002 with the additional training sessions and overseas competitions for respective teams.

2.1. Finance and budget

Through the support from the FESPIC Preparation Fund from SDB, an additional HK\$500,000 was available for the Hong Kong Team to provide additional training sessions and overseas competitions, during the period January to July 2002, for athletes of four sports, namely Athletics, Boccia, Shooting and Wheelchair Fencing, in preparing for the Games.

After the final entry in late July 2002, the final estimated budget of the Hong Kong, China Delegation, comprised of 115 athletes and 60 officials, participating in the 8th FESPIC Games was confirmed in August 2002. According to the funding policy of the Hong Kong Sports Development Board (SDB), 10% of the estimated total budget has to be borne by the National Sports Association (NSA), while the SDB, through the Arts and Sports Development Fund (ASDF) from the HKSAR Government, would bear the other 90%.

2.2. The Team

- Management

The 115 athletes of the Hong Kong, China Delegation were well supported by a team of professional officials before and during the competitions that consisted of the followings:

- Coaches, Team assistants and guide runner

There were a total of 36 coaches, team assistant and guide runner who provided on field technical support and guidance for various competition related matters during the games to athletes in order to optimize their performance in the competition.

- Referees

There were a total of 4 referees including one for wheelchair fencing, one for shooting and two for table tennis accompanying the team for the Games. The attendance of local referees in the Games not only provided prompt access to technical advice and support for the team but also provided a very good training and practicing opportunity for local referees. The organization also separately invited the Hong Kong Archery Association to send international official to assist in the Games.

- Team doctors

There were a total of 3 team doctors who provided medical support to team members during the Games as well as assisted the team in the classification process. The team doctors also helped to screen the medications taken by respective athletes two months prior to the Games to avoid unintentional intake of banned substances.

- Team physiotherapists

There were a total of 6 physiotherapists providing pre- and post-competition treatments and massage to athletes to enhance their performance in the competition. They also assisted the team in the classification process.

- Management staff

The management staff consisted of a total of 11 members, were headed by Mrs. Jenny Fung as the Team Leader and Mr. Patrick Ng as the Team Manager, and secretariat from both HKSAP (Hong Kong Sports Association for the Physically Disabled) and HKSAM (Hong Kong Sports Association for the Mentally Handicapped). They were mainly responsible for the overall managerial and administrative work of the team as well as providing first hand competition information to all members of the delegation. They were also responsible to keep close contact with the local media and deliver the latest news and results of the team to them. The Team Secretariat Office operated at the Games village on a daily basis, from 8:30am to 11:00pm upon arrival of the Team, in order to provide prompt support and assistance to the members of the delegation during the Games.

Latest news and information about the Games and competitions was disseminated to all team members through coaches who were requested to attend the team meeting in nearly every evening at the Secretariat Office.

Appendix I exhibits the breakdown on members of the Hong Kong, China Delegation.

2.3. Sports Participation

- Formation/selection of the Hong Kong, China Delegation

Coaches of respective sports, basing on the performance, attendance, and training attitude, selected prospective athletes for the Hong Kong, China Delegation. The prospective list was then presented and endorsed by the Technical Sub-committee as well as the Executive Committee respectively of the HKSAP.

For the 8th FESPIC Games, the Hong Kong, China Delegation took part in a total of 13 sports, including Archery, Athletics, Badminton, Wheelchair Basketball, Boccia, Wheelchair Fencing, Judo, Lawn Bowls, Powerlifting, Swimming, Shooting, Table Tennis and Wheelchair Tennis. Out of those, there were three demonstration events, namely Athletics, Swimming and Table Tennis, for the mentally handicapped. 18 out of

115 athletes of the Hong Kong, China Delegation were from HKSAM, while the rest were members of the HKSAP. Appendix II illustrates the breakdown on numbers of athletes for respective sport.

In regard of respective coaches' expertise and professional knowledge and experience with the athletes, basically, all head coaches/coach-in-charge and assistant coaches of respective sports were invited to join the delegation. Physiotherapists and doctors with the recommendation of the Medical Sub-Committee were invited basing on their previous experience in dealing with disabled athletes, knowledge about disabled sports and availability.

Team Leader and Team Managers were appointed basing on their ample expertise, experience and knowledge on disabled sports and athletes in Hong Kong as well as their experience and exposure in previous major international Games.

- Training / Overseas & Residential Camp

In order to get well prepared for the Games, systematic training plan and additional training sessions were arranged for respective sports to optimize athletes' performance in the Games as in Table 3.

Table 3. Pre-Games Training Arrangement of Respective Sports.

Sports	Regular training	Additional training
Archery	One 3-hours indoor training session per week at Kai Tak East IGH, and one whole day outdoor training session at Lion Rock Archery Range.	One additional training session for both indoor and outdoor in September and October.
Athletics	Three 2-hours training sessions per week at HKSI	Two additional intensive training camps in September and October 2002 at HKSI.
Badminton	Two 2-hours training sessions per week at HKSI	Duration of each training session was extended from 2 hours to 3 hours/session two months prior to the Games; plus training session with club affiliated to.
Boccia	Two 2-hours training sessions per week at Yuen Wo Road IRC.	One additional training session on Saturday from July.
Wheelchair Basketball	Two 2-hours training sessions per week at Kai Tak East IGH.	Two additional Intensive training conducted by the Japanese Coach in July & October; and 1 hour extension of the training session from August.
Wheelchair Fencing	Five training sessions per week from 4:30pm - 9:30pm at HKSI	Athletes normally train three sessions per week and are requested to train five sessions three months prior to the Games
Judo	Three 2-hours training sessions per week	One additional fitness training session per week at the Fitness Room in the headquarters of HKSAP
Lawn Bowls	Two 2-hour training sessions per week	Two additional intensive training sessions on every Tuesday and Saturday at the Siu Lek Yuen Bowling Greens from August to October 2002.
Powerlifting	Two 2-hours training sessions per week on Wednesday and Friday at the Headquarters of HKSAP	One additional 2-hours training session each week from July to October 2002 at HKSAP.
Shooting	Two 3-hours training sessions per week at the Headquarters' Shooting Range.	One to two additional training sessions per week started from August.
Swimming	Three 2-hours training sessions per week at Wanchai Swimming Pool.	Additional training session for individual athletes.
Wheelchair Tennis	Two 2-hours training sessions per week on Wednesday and Saturday at Yuen Wo Road Tennis Court	One additional 2-hours training session on Sunday afternoon two months prior to the Games
Table Tennis	Three 2-hours training session per week at HKSI	Two additional intensive training camp in Shengzhen, China in August and October 2002.

2.4. Logistics

Concrete logistics work, including team uniform, flight ticket, team meeting, leave application and flag presentation ceremony, in preparing the Hong Kong, China Delegation for the 8th FESPIC Games started in July after the final delegation list was confirmed.

- Team uniform

Being the official uniform providers of the Hong Kong, China Delegation for the 14th Asian Games as well as their price, the Eiffel Pierre Uniform Services Ltd and the A. Dawn Ltd (DIADORA HK Agent) were chosen as the official team uniform suppliers for the team. There were two sets of official uniforms for the Team. Officials and coaches of the team had a set of blazer uniform; while athletes had two sets of tracksuits. The uniforms were similar to our able-bodied counterparts for the Asian Games. The Eiffel Pierre Uniform Services Ltd produced the official blazer uniform and the sports gears were designed and produced by the A. Dawn Ltd. Both producers were very generous and supportive to the Hong Kong, China Delegation by giving the same favourable price and package as they did for the Asian Games Delegation.

Due to the unexpected cold weather in Busan during the Games' period (some days with the temperature around 5-7 degree in the morning and evening. The quality of the sports gear was too thin and most of the team members had to put on their own coats. It was suggested a thick coat be provided to team members if cold weather would be expected in future Games. In regard of the unexpected cold weather, the FESPIC Organizing Committee was very considerate in providing a thick overcoat to each participant in the middle of the Games.

- Ticketing

In regard of the size of the delegation, the huge number of equipments, luggages and the disabilities of athletes, an itinerary with direct flight between Hong Kong and Busan was invariably a must for the team. Since the Korean Air was the sole airline providing direct flight between Hong Kong and Busan, it was chosen as the carrier for the team. An initial contact with the Sales Manager of the Korean Air was made in early April 2002, and a favourable rate (group ticket at HK\$2,800/person) was obtained at that time.

As the Korean Air (Hong Kong Office had encountered the first time experience) to deal with a delegation with such a huge number of disabled people, equipments, luggages and wheelchairs, they underestimated the difficulties in dealing with such a team and therefore was declined to offer the favourable fare at HK\$2,800/person in June. In this regard, HKSAP had tried to look for a good price through other travel agent, but unfortunately in vain. Negotiation kept going on with the Korean Air and a full passenger list with estimated amount of equipments, luggages and wheelchairs was given to Korean Air in early September 2002. Finally, Korean Air had agreed to offer the fare at HK\$2,800/person with direct flight to Busan on 23 Oct and return to Hong Kong on 3 Nov 2002. Unfortunately, it was informed by the Korean Air that the whole delegation had to make a transit in Seoul for the way to and back from Busan in mid-October 2002 (4 days prior to departure). In regard of the size of the delegation with people of disability, and huge number of equipments and wheelchair, an additional transit in Seoul would cause tremendous trouble and inconvenience for the team and was totally irrational and unacceptable. Therefore, appeal letters were then written to the Korean Air's Vice President both by the Executive Director and the Team Manager respectively prior and during the Games period. Consequently, the delegation was arranged with a direct flight to/from Busan with minimal disturbance and hassle to the team. The effort and support of both Mr. B. K. Jun, Vice President of Korean Air and the FESPIC Organizing Committee were highly appreciated.

The Secretariat had an excellent arrangement on the numbering of luggage, wheelchairs etc. for check-in process. All luggages were marked with logos, contents and numbers. These arrangements had led to a smooth check-in procedure prior to the team's departure despite the lack of experiences and manpower provided by the Airlines. In view of this and for sake of safety, the Regional Sales Manager and the Sales Manager from Korean Air had accompanied the Team to Busan in case of any contingency.

For future major Games, it is recommended that the airline concerned should be formally informed and made alert of the requirements of the delegation since most of the airlines tend to underestimate the workload and difficulties in handling a large delegation with disabled and huge number of equipments and wheelchairs. An experienced and prestigious airlines in handling passengers with disabled would then be the first priority chosen as official courier.

- Leave application

The official departure and return date of the delegation was 23 October and 3 November 2002 respectively. Leave application letters covering the above mentioned period were issued to respective athletes, coaches and team officials in September 2002 after the confirmation of the final team list. Most of the team members had no problem in applying for leave for the Games. However, some had to take no paid leave to attend the Games. In general, all members of the delegation were able to attend the official period of the Games with only few of them had to shorten the trip and return early due to work commitment.

- Team Meeting

A pre-Games team meeting was held on 5 September at the Jubilee Room of the Hong Kong Sports Institute. The Team Manager had given a briefing about the general arrangement of the Hong Kong, China team to coaches, helpers, medical and management staff. Team doctors also reminded coaches and relevant personnel about the key issues relating to medication, doping and classification.

- Flag Presentation

The Flag Presentation Ceremony for the Hong Kong, China Delegation participating in the 8th FESPIC Games was held on 8 October 2002 at the Government House. The Guest-of-Honour the Hon. Donald Tsang, Chief Secretary for Administration was invited to officiate and address the occasion. Other officiating guests included the Dr. Patrick Ho, Secretary for Home Affairs, Mrs. Carrie Lam, Trustee of the Hong Kong Paralympians Fund, and Prof. Sir Harry Fang, President of HKSAP, with a good attendance of guests from HAB, SDB, LCSDB, SF&OC, NSAs, sponsors, family members and employers.

3. The Games

3.1. Organization

- Custom

Due to previous experience in the major international Games, the Hong Kong, China Delegation was well prepared for the custom clearance of some critical items and equipments, including the pistols & rifles, bows & arrows as well as medicines. Advance notification had been sent to both the local and Busan Custom & Excise Department as well as the Games Organizing Committee, therefore, it was very smooth in regard of the custom arrangement in both Hong Kong and Busan.

- Reception

The Hong Kong, China Team was received by a group of cheering/supporting team as well as the liaison officer for the team in the airport. The overall arrangement was pleasant and smooth.

- Accreditation

The accreditation and confirmation process was conducted at the accreditation center of the athletes' village for those staying in the village during the Games' period. They included all the athletes, coaches, referees, medical and management staff of the team. Though there was no major problem with the accreditation process, it took about 50-60 minutes to have all the ID card issued and laminated.

For those staying at the official hotel, the accreditation and confirmation process was carried out at the accreditation center in the hotel.

Managers Meeting, FESPIC Council Meeting, East Asia Paralympic Committee (EAPC) Meeting & Technical Meeting

3.2. Managers Meeting

In order to maintain an effective communication between the organizing committee and respective participating teams, Managers Meeting was held every morning at 7:00am at the athletes' village. Key persons from the Games Organizing Committee chaired the meeting and disseminated latest news and information of the Games to respective teams as well as responded to enquiries and requests from the team managers. Mr. Patrick Ng, Team Manager, and Ms Alison Wong, Assistant Team Manager, attended the meeting on behalf of the Hong Kong, China Delegation.

3.3. FESPIC Council Meeting

The meeting was held on 28 October 2002 represented by Mrs. Jenny Fung & Mr. Patrick Ng with Mrs. Maureen Chan and Ms Alison Wong in attendance. FESPIC Constitutions were revised. Reports of various committees were adopted with a deliberation of the Busan Games, preparation of FESPIC Youth Games in Hong Kong 2003 and progress report of the FESPIC Games in Malaysia 2006. Dr. York Chow, and Mr. Silas Chiang were elected respectively as Vice President and executive member of the FESPIC Federation for the year 2002-2006.

On account of the rapid development of sports for disabled globally, the quota system for Paralympics, and the 2 big Games in 2006 (FESPIC in Malaysia) & 2008 (Paralympics in Beijing), a Task Group on strategic planning for 2002-2006 (Report of Task Group, 2002) was formed to:

- identify target sports & sport human resources;
- coordinate the existing and new competition events with relevant seminars to gear the IPC 4-year sports calendar cycle;
- seek IPC support in accrediting technical/classification personnel in the FESPIC region either with an international or regional status;
- start and organize education programs (elementary coaching & management courses) for the purpose of NPC development; and
- establish good communication in updating information on disabled sports through internet centralized in FESPIC website.

3.4. East Asia Paralympics Committee (EAPC) Meeting

The EAPC was formally established at the inaugural meeting on 30 October 2002 attended by Mr. Silas Chiang and Ms Alison Wong. The Committee so established was to deal with issues on disabled sports in the East Asia Region. Mr. Chung Wai Man of Hong Kong was elected as the executive of EAPC.

3.5. Technical Meeting

Technical Meeting for each sport was held on 24 or 25 October 2002. Coaches of respective sports, on behalf of the Hong Kong, China Delegation had attended the meetings. Most of the technical issues about the competition were announced at the technical meeting. Some technical issues arising in the technical meeting of some sports were summarized in Table 4.

Table 4. Technical Issues Arising in Various Technical Meetings.

Sports	Attended by	Technical issue arising
Archery	Coach Ma Choi Chong	Nil
Athletics	Coach Poon Kin Lui, Yip Chung Wa & Chu Siu Lun	Nil
Badminton:	Coach Ma Che Kong and Management Staff Phoebe Chan	Wrong draw: there were quite a number of mistakes in the technical meeting pointed out by the Japanese team and Malaysian team manager who had brought along with all the past competition results and relevant information. The draw in the men's uppers doubles was wrong with the winner (Indonesian team) and first runner-up (Hong Kong team) of the last Games being put in the same pool, Coach Ma and the Assistant Team Manager, Alison Wong had raised a protest but was not upheld.
Wheelchair Basketball	Management Staff Pega Lui & Physiotherapist Chan Sai Hong	Coach Choi not yet arrived on the date of meeting; No special issue.
Boccia	Coach Kwok Hart Wing, Assistant Coach Rosa Ma & Management Staff Pega Lui	Re-arrangement of the draw due to the correction of the classification list.
Wheelchair Fencing	Coach Lau Sik	Wrong draw: Chung Ting Ching and Hui Charn Hung at Men's Foil B event were in the same pool. Coach Zheng had not put forward a protest since the draw would not affect the HK Team's results, but only on individual fencer's result.
Judo	Coach Lee Kan	Nil
Lawn Bowls	Missed	
Powerlifting	Coach Pok Kim Won	Nil
Shooting	Coach Chung Ching Tao	Nil.
Swimming	Coach Wan Shiu Ming	Nil.
Table Tennis	Coach Cheng Chung Yin and Coach Ng Wing Kei	Wrong draw: The Taipei Team had tried to put the first seeded player to the second draw but was found out and stopped by Coach Cheng.
Wheelchair Tennis	Coach Daniel Wong	Nil.

In regard of the technical problems arising in various technical meetings, the professionalism and standard of technical delegates and officials of certain events of the Games was doubtful. It had caused some frustration and unfairness to some teams and athletes. The level of technical delegates and officials was one of the key elements to the success of the Games. Actually the Organizing Committee on the whole had been very cautious and concerned in appointing some technical delegates recognized by IPC to take charge and supervise the proper organization of the events.

3.6. Accommodation & Catering

- Accommodation

All team members of the participating countries/territories were accommodated at high-rise dormitory in the Busan Athletes' Village, the same place as our Asian Games counterparts. Rooms with disabled toilet were allocated for wheelchair bound athletes. There were only two lifts installed at each block of the dormitory, but with 20 floors in total. Each lift could only accommodate two wheelchairs at most each time. At the arrival day, it took nearly two hours to have all the athletes, luggages and equipments moved up to the rooms. Though it was very cold during the competition period, the heating system installed in each apartment provided a very comfortable indoor environment for team members.

Apart from the Team Manger's room and the Secretariat office of each team, there was no inter-connected telephone system in the rooms. Therefore, it created huge inconvenience for the inter communication among team members. The message was then best conveyed by words of mouth through coaches/captains, notice and team official meetings daily.

- Catering

The Canteen in the athletes' village opened 24 hours and a wide variety of food was served. Besides, delivery of lunch boxes to competition and training venues was provided upon request. The quality and variety of lunch boxes were a bit below average standard. The food was already cold when they reached the hand of athletes or coaches. However, situation improved after the complaints at the team managers meeting each morning.

3.7. Transportation

- Transport to and from the airport

Adequate buses were arranged for the team to and from the airport on the arrival and departure days.

- Transport to and from training venues

Shuttle buses were arranged to and from respective training venues before the start of the Games. As only few of them were modified for wheelchair users, therefore wheelchair bound athletes had spent much time on waiting to get on appropriate buses. Furthermore, there were very few bus frequencies, only two or three trips per day, for most of the training venues that located in the suburb areas, e.g. Wheelchair Tennis, Shooting, Archery, Fencing, Badminton, Boccia, Wheelchair Basketball, etc. This caused huge inconvenience and problems for athletes when they missed a bus. Also, lots of the buses were not on schedule at the first 2 or 3 days and athletes had to wait for 30mins to an hour for the bus.

- Transport to and from competition venues

The shuttle bus problems were reflected by numerous team managers in the daily managers' meeting and the problem was eased after the competition began. In regard of the experience during the first few days, both athletes and coaches got ready by standing at the beginning of the queue in order to catch the bus for the competition venues. Also, more low-deck and wheelchair accessible buses were arranged during the competition period. However, there was severe traffic-jam during peak hours in the down town areas of Busan. Although the Busan Asiad Main Stadium was only 6.9km from the Athlete Village, it took 30-45 minutes by bus during peak hours which was two to three folds under normal circumstance. On the other hand, for competition venues located in suburb areas, the buses ran on time for most of the time. The distance between the competition venues and the Athletes' Village ranged between 6.9km to 59.8km and the transportation time varied from approx. 20mins to 90 minutes. Regardless of the huge variations in the distance, most of the venues could be reached within 45 minutes.

3.8. Classifications

To be fair, all athletes were requested to undergo a classification process so that athletes of the same class would compete together. The classification of athletes was held on 24-25 October 2002 at the Medical Centre in the Athletes' Village.

Though there was discrepancy in the professionalism and standard of classification, the Organization had endeavoured to recruit international classifiers recognized by IPC (International Paralympic Committee) to assist and supervise the overall classification process with the help of Korean professionals.

3.9. Practice & Competition

-Practice

Table 5. Practice Arrangements for Respective Sports in Busan prior to the Competition.

Sports	Practice arrangements
Archery	Scheduled training sessions were arranged.
Athletics	The training venues were opened from 9am to 1pm between 23-26 October 2002. Usually, the Team had a 2-hours training session every day before competition.
Badminton	Specific training time was scheduled to Hong Kong Team, almost 2 training hours per day, sometimes the team could extend the training when the badminton courts were available. But training time was not enough since only one court was available for training.
Wheelchair Basketball	Scheduled training sessions were arranged. Additional friendly match sessions were organized with other countries.
Boccia	Scheduled training sessions were arranged.
Wheelchair Fencing	Specific training time was scheduled to Hong Kong Team, almost 2 training hours per day, sometimes the team could extend the training time to 3-4 hrs when there were no other teams training after the Hong Kong Team. Only one fencing piste was provided for each team.
Judo	Specific training time was scheduled between 24-27 October 2002. Usually, the Team had a 2-hours training session every day before competition.
Lawn Bowls	Specific training time and bowling green were allocated. Usually, the Team extended their training hours when bowling green was available.
Powerlifting	The training venue was opened between 24-30 October 2002. Usually, the Team had a 3-hours training every day before competition.
Shooting	Scheduled training sessions were arranged.
Swimming	Free training sessions in the morning at the competition swimming pool; and individual training session at the swimming club in the Athletes Village.
Wheelchair Tennis	No specified training schedule was provided. Use of practice court was on first-come-first-serve basis. No advance booking was available. All 15 courts were open to all the Teams.
Table Tennis	Specific training time was scheduled to Hong Kong Team, almost 2 training hours per day. Two to three tables were provided for each team.

- Competition

Official competition of the Games started on 27 October until 1 November 2002. Appendix III elaborates details for the competition schedule. Since the competition venues were widely spread over the Busan city, each team was very independent and managed and led by respective coaches with occasional support from the Management and medical staff. Basically, all teams stayed at the competition venues in the daytime during the competition period and returned to the Athletes' Village in late afternoon.

In order to facilitate the internal communication among the team and provide prompt support to team members when necessary, a mobile phone was assigned to the team managers, coach-in-charge of each team, key medical staff and management staff as well as the photographer. Thanks to the Samsung in providing the communication devices.

The Hong Kong, China Delegation had its own medical clinic, managed by team doctors and physiotherapists, and operated from 8:00pm-11:30pm every evening during the whole competition period to provide medical support, including medical consultation, treatment and massage service to all team members. The Medical Report furnishes details in Appendix IV.

3.10. Press/Media & PR Activities

The Organizing Committee published a Games' newsletter on a daily basis with some highlights of the day and it was available at the ground floor of each block of the dormitory.

In order to enhance the atmosphere of the Games and convey the goodwill of Korean, the Organising Committee had lined up with some local community organizations to form cheering/supporting teams for respective participating countries/territories. There was a supporting team for the Hong Kong, China Delegation. The Team received the Hong Kong Team on the day of arrival, hosted dinner for the Team and cheered for Hong Kong Athletes during respective competitions. They had also taken some photos and produced a VCD for the team. This was a very good practice to help the Games Organising Committee to establish close personal contact and relationship with respective teams and also project a very positive overall image of the Games as well as the Korean in general.

3.11. Official Function

There were number of official functions for the participating team, they included the Check-in Flag Raising Ceremony

to the Athletes' Village, Opening and Closing Ceremony of the Games.

- Check-in Flag Raising Ceremony to the Athletes' Village

The Check-in Flag Raising Ceremony to the Athletes' Village for the Hong Kong, China Delegation was held on 24 October 2002 at 2:00pm. The whole delegation marched to the ceremonial area of the village and was officially admitted by the mayor of the village. The ceremony concluded

- Opening and Closing Ceremony

The Opening and Closing Ceremony of the Games was held on 26 October and 1 November 2002 respectively at 6:30pm at the Busan Asiad Main Stadium. All participants were invited to join the ceremonies and were requested to gather at the Subsidiary Stadium by 4:00pm though the Ceremony would not start until 6:00pm or even later. Due to the cold weather, it was generally considered inappropriate to have all the participants gathered and waited at the subsidiary stadium for more than two hours. However, both the opening and closing ceremony was well enjoyed by the participants and spectators. Improvement was made at the Closing with shorter waiting time and provision of warm clothing by the considerate Organizing Committee.

- Reception for Team Manager

Reception organized by the Organizing Committee

Mr. Yoo Jay Kun, the Chairman of the Organizing Committee hosted a reception for the overseas VIPs & officials, key members of the OC, all team managers and distinguished guests of local community on 25 October 2002. A note of greeting, presentation of souvenirs and making acquaintance prevailed at the reception.

Reception organized by the FESPIC Federation

President of the FESPIC Federation hosted a reception for all the team managers on 30 October 2002 at the Busan Paradise Hotel. Alison Wong, Assistant Team Manager of the Hong Kong, China Delegation attended the reception on behalf of the team. The one major agenda of the reception was to welcome all the teams to the 8th FESPIC Games and presented the FESPIC Order to three prominent figures in the history of the FESPIC Games. They were the late Dr Y. Nakamura of Japan, Dr. John Grant of Australia and Prof. Sir Harry Fang of Hong Kong, China. Unfortunately, all of the three recipients were not able to receive the award in person.

3.12. Service

- The Athletes' Village

The Busan Athlete's Village was very self-sufficient, equipped with all necessary amenities and service, including the Post Office, Bank, Laundry, Clinic and Medical Center, Recreation Center, etc. that provided basic services for all participants of the Games. Most of those amenities were clustered at a designated location so that one did not have to go around for different kinds of services. The free service laundry was located on the 2nd floor of each building block where bottled water was also provided.

There was no major problems on accessibility. But to certain degree some design of the Busan Athletes' Village was not perfectly built for the disabled. For example, not all bathrooms and toilets were wheelchair accessible; the lifts were too small for wheelchairs; the steep location of the clinic and medical center caused inconvenience for disabled athletes to go there without assistance, etc.

- Team Liaison officer

According to the size of the delegation, liaison officer was assigned for each delegation. Three liaison officers were assigned to the Hong Kong, China Delegation. One of them was assigned as the assistant to the Team Manager to provide prompt supporting services. The other two were assigned different duties as per the needs of the Hong Kong, China Delegation. Those three liaison officers were very helpful, especially the assistant for the Team Manager who was able to provide very prompt, efficient and effective assistance and support for the delegation.

- Volunteers

There were 2 to 3 volunteers each shift on 24-hour duty in each block of the dormitory to provide assistance to the delegation when necessary and also to serve as security purpose. However, not all volunteers spoke fluent English and some only spoke very simple English. Therefore, they were not able to provide prompt support when some complicated requests arose. Nevertheless, all volunteers were very friendly and willing to help.

- Team vehicle

According to the size of the delegation, each team was allocated one car for the Team Leader and the Team Manager, respectively. Due to its huge size, the Hong Kong, China Delegation was assigned a 24-seat van. The provision of

additional cars and van was very helpful for the team managers and officials who have to travel around different competition venues especially when there was no transport provided between venues.

- Spectators/audience

The Busan Asiad Main Stadium, with a capacity of accommodating a total of 80,000 spectators, was fully seated during the opening and closing ceremony. The fully packed stadium with spectators had created an excellent atmosphere for the ceremonies.

In contrast, there were not many spectators during the competition period in various competition venues during the competition period. Most of them were participating athletes, Korean cheering/supporting teams as well as officials of the participating teams. However, the arranged cheering /supporting spectators did have a very positive and encouraging effect.

4. Team Performance, Coaches Report & Medical Report

4.1. Team Performance

In general, the overall spirit and morale of the Hong Kong, China Delegation was high. Members were very cooperative and supportive to each other. Working relationship between HKSAP and HKSAM was excellent. Since most of the members were very experienced in attending major international games, they were very well disciplined and behaved. Coaches were very professional and were able to manage their respective teams competently.

Every effort had been made to support the athletes, to make them concentrate on their performance. All coaches, doctors and physiotherapists were mobilized to provide the best possible service to our athletes. Furthermore, all athletes had tried their best and achieved to their expected standards. In general, the overall standard of performance and results achieved by the team was within the expectation with some outstanding performance in the events of Athletics (field events), Badminton, Wheelchair Fencing, Lawn Bowls and Table Tennis. A simple competition results of respective sports is shown in table 6 and Appendix II furnishes all details of Medallist of the Hong Kong, China Delegation.

Table 6. Simple Competition Results of Respective Sports.

Sports	Results			Remarks
	Gold	Silver	Bronze	
Archery	-	-	-	Has potential to do better, need more training and competition experience
Athletics	9	8	3	Remain in a very competitive level
Demonstration event	5	5	6	
Badminton	1	1	2	Best ever result
Wheelchair Basketball	-	-	-	Similar to the able-bodied counterparts, team sport is difficult to maintain its competitiveness at international level
Boccia	-	-	1	Need more major games experience
Wheelchair Fencing	13	5	5	Best ever result; job well done
Judo	-	-	1	Has potential to do better, need more training and competition experience
Lawn Bowls	2	-	1	Outstanding performance
Powerlifting	-	-	-	Some distance from international level
Shooting	-	-	1	Still room for improvement, need more training
Swimming	-	1	-	Some distance from international level
Demonstration event	7	3	3	
Wheelchair Tennis	-	-	-	The team was defeated by the strongest players from Taipei and Japan. Though no medal was captured, individual new players performed very well.
Table Tennis	2	-	2	Competition duration was too long, players needed to stay in the stadium until 9:00 pm
Demonstration event	2	2	1	
Total:				
- Official event	27	15	16	
- Demonstration event	14	10	10	
Grand Total:	41	25	26	

4.2. Coaches Report

- Analysis and Observation

Despite of some minor technical problems and arguments in some events, coaches, in general, should be very satisfied with the overall arrangement of the 8th FESPIC Games. The only shortcoming was the latest news and information of the competitions was not promptly delivered to respective teams.

In general, coaches were satisfied with the overall performance of respective athletes in the Games especially in such a cold climatic condition. Some athletes had performed remarkably well during the competitions, including Athletics, Wheelchair Fencing, Badminton, Law Bowls and Table Tennis. Also, it was considered a good and valuable chance for novices to gain more competition experience and some of them had performed very well by winning a medal in Judo and Boccia (Coaches Report : Judo and Boccia).

Other than the brilliant results achieved by outstanding athletes, coaches observed that few athletes in Archery and Shooting, had not performed up to their expected standard because of their comparatively weaker psychological set-up and stamina (Coaches Report : Archery and Shooting). It reflected that our athletes must improve such through specific training in terms of both quantity and quality in order to acquire a higher level of performance. At the same time, this would insert more pressure on the relevant support and funding from the government departments and organizations concerned.

In comparison to other leading countries in the 8th FESPIC Games, like China, Korea, Thailand and Japan, the age of their athletes was younger than our athletes. The aging of athletes was a common concern for most of our sports and it was an imminent task for HKSAP to identify and recruit more potential youths to join the crew through various promotion and development work.

- Recommendations

It was well reflected by coaches in their reports that systematic training with good quality and continuity was the key to success. With the additional FESPIC Games Preparation Fund from the SDB, some sports were able to have additional training sessions or overseas competitions in order to be more prepared their athletes for the Games (Coaches Report : Athletics, Fencing, Table Tennis and Boccia). For those sports that were not covered by the preparation fund, additional training sessions should be arranged out of the Association's reserve

and the outcome of such additional training was well illustrated in the outstanding achievements of athletes in respective sports. Therefore, it is recommended that the arrangement of preparation fund for major games was essential to enhance the pre-games training and preparation of the team and hopefully to the betterment of performance and success in the Games.

4.3. Medical Report

Over 147 attendances (including 68 newly diagnosed and 79 follow-up cases) were recorded in the Delegation at the Games (Appendix IIIA). Musculoskeletal problems (66%) and post-exercise soreness and wound management (34%) constituted the main types of injury (Appendix IIIB) and Appendix IIIC exhibits both the shoulder and elbow regions being the most vulnerable parts of the body.

The contribution of team doctors and physiotherapists in facilitating the performance of athletes was well recognized and praised by members of the delegation. The support of medical staff was particularly crucial to the performance of the disabled athletes. It is hoped that more medical staff in consultation, medication and physiotherapy service, preferably in a ratio of at least one medical staff for each sport, would build up more trust and confidence in training and competition before and during major Games. Sports prevention program should be conducted to individual team (e.g. fencing, athletics, badminton and wheelchair tennis team) in order to reduce the incidence of sports injury (Medical Report, 2002).

5. Observation

5.1. General Management

In considering of the overall organization of the FESPIC Games, the Busan FESPIC Games Organising Committee (BUFOC) had tried very hard and had the job well done. Entry forms and details as well as pre-games information had been delivered to participating countries promptly. World-class competition venues, abundant manpower, well accredited IPC and local officials, tremendous support from relevant government departments & organizations, and community had formed the cores of success in the Games.

BUFOC published FESPIC Games update on a regular basis prior to the Games to keep all participating countries informed of the progress of the games. The BUFOC had done a great job in the publicity and promotion work of the Games and had gained tremendous attention and support from the general public, the government and related organizations.

Every participating team was well looked after and treated, especially the arrangement of cheering/supporting team for respective participating nations.

The only shortcomings were the minor frustrations in the final entry process due to the internal communication problem of BUFOC, the inadequate transportation arrangement at the first two days of the Games and the substandard quality of lunch box in cold weather. However, such were finally solved to the satisfaction of all teams.

5.2. Sports Specific

The 8th FESPIC Games was smoothly and professionally run with the input of technical delegates and professionals from respective International Sports Federations for disabled and the International Paralympic Committee (IPC). However, there was belated delivery of latest news and information about competition and various arrangements about the Games. Team managers had to take a very proactive role in order to grasp the latest news and information.

5.3. Support Group from Respective Government Departments

With the full support from the related government departments and organizations, including the Social Welfare Division, Public Health, Welfare & Women's Bureau, the Military Department, the Police as well as various corporate sponsors and Non-government Welfare Organizations, the 8th FESPIC Games was well coordinated and smoothly organized. All helpers and volunteers of the Games were very dedicated and helpful. It was well illustrated that the successful hosting of a major Games, like the FESPIC Games, would not be possible without the joint concrete support and commitment from the Government and local community in terms of finance and manpower.

6. Welcome Home Ceremony

The Delegation returned home on 3 November 2002 greeted by Dr. Patrick Ho, Secretary of HAB & his deputy Mrs. Lolly Chiu, Mrs. Shelly Lau, Permanent Secretary of Home Affairs Department; Mr. Paul Leung, Director of LCSD & Mr. Johnny Woo, Assistant Director; Mrs. Carrie Lam of SWD (Ms. Ophelia Chan on her behalf); the Hon. Timothy Fok, President of SF&OC; Mrs. Maureen Chan, Executive Director of SDB; and Prof. Sir Harry Fang, President of SAP with the attendance of government officials, the press and the general public. Rounds of applause were received when we arrived at the reception hall at the airport.

A "Welcome Home and Incentive Award Presentation Ceremony" was organized by the SDB for the Delegation on 12 November 2002 at the Government House. The Delegation were honored to have the Hon. Donald Tsang as the Guest-of-Honor again. Mr. Patrick Ho, Mrs. Carrie Lam, the Hon. Timothy Fok, Mr. John Hung, Prof. Sir Harry Fang, senior government officials, SF&OC and NSAs representatives and Sponsors were present to share and recognize the achievements and success of our athletes. People on the occasion were deeply touched by the video played to recall the ecstasy and agony of the delegation at the Busan Games. Both the HKSAP and HKSAM have been very grateful to the SAR Government, the Hon. Donald Tsang in particular, Dr. Patrick Ho, Mrs. Carrie Lam, the Hon. Timothy Fok, Mr. John Hung, Prof. Sir Harry Fang, NSAs and the sponsors for the continued support to making the team with glory and success in the Busan FESPIC Games.

A similar "Welcome Home Ceremony" was arranged by the Standard Chartered Bank on 14 November 2002 to recognize the performance of the athletes and to pledge for support of sponsorship on the Marathon scheduled to take place on 16 February 2003. The proceeds of funds raised would be used for the FESPIC Youth Games in December 2003 in Hong Kong. Thanks for the contribution and effort of the Standard Chartered this year again and in the past.

7. Conclusion and Recommendations

The complex and over one year preparatory work for the Games, the actual participation, the athletes' commitment and performance, the coaches' dedication and support, the medical personnels' expertise and involvement, the volunteers and staffs' contribution and endeavor, the government officials' care & concerns during their visit at Busan, and observations and experiences gained throughout all add to the conclusion that all enjoyed a very successful FESPIC Games with fond memories. However, worthy and constructive comments and recommendations are summarized below for follow-up actions, if felt fit, and for reference in future major international games.

7.1. Team Performance

Hong Kong ranked 5th among 43 nations/territories attaining 27 gold, 15 silver and 16 bronze medals after China, Korea, Thailand and Japan. The Delegation are strong in CP athletics with So Wa Wai's superb performance in a world record of 100 M with 12.24". The fencing team swept 13 gold out of 15, still dominant in the Sport. Badminton and

lawn bowls are beyond the expectation. Boccia and judo are developing. Table Tennis, swimming and shooting are still very competitive to win medals. All in all it is fair in other Sports.

Though events for intellectually disabled were treated as demonstration events in this FESPIC Games the HKSAM athletes did well with a marvelous performance of winning 34 medals (14 Gold, 10 Silver, 10 Bronze). It was hoped that the IPC would grant their eligibility to compete in Athens Paralympics at the January 2003 meeting. Hong Kong, being one of the few countries/territories, adopting a very comprehensive and objective criteria in classifying the intellectually disabled athletes, should not be outcast from participating in international competitions. But it was a disaster that the intellectually disabled athletes would not be allowed to compete in the 2004 Athens Paralympions as stated in IPC President Phil Craven's letter to the President of INAS-FID (2003) that INAS-FID still cannot satisfy the IPC in establishing "..... a fair competition under the eligibility system and protest procedures"

Overall excellent team spirit of Hong Kong Team prevailed, the close cooperation between HKSAP and HKSAM in particular. This had constituted our overwhelming success in the Games. It is a good indication that we had well spent the public money subvented by HAB. The ties so established between athletes, coaches, the secretariat and the 2 associations (HKSAP & HKSAM), should be maintained thus entailing the possible formation of National Paralympic Committee in future when suitable time comes.

7.2. Re-structure and re-vamping of sports priority

The outstanding performance exhibited in some development sports like badminton and judo would definitely stimulate further promotion and development of the sports concerned. More resources would be an essence. On the contrary, there are signs of degeneration of some sports. An overall review of all sports organized by the association would be required. A re-structure and re-vamping of the sports priority would thus be necessary for re-allocation of resources.

7.3. Promotion and development of disabled sports

It is good to see the emergency of young and female potentials in fencing, boccia and athletics. It would be the golden opportunity to recruit young athletes, not necessarily the female, to add to the pool of programs and training. Promotion and development of disabled sports in the normal schools would best be the direction to scout more potentials

to fill the gap of retirement of the old. This fits well with the concept of 'Integration'.

7.4. FESPIC Youth Games 2003

It has been a general saying that the FESPIC Games has been the yardstick to test athletes before taking part in higher level of competition. Hong Kong had seized the opportunity of initiating the FESPIC Youth Games and hosting the inaugural competition in December 2003. The Games would be able to serve the FESPIC countries to encourage more disabled youths participating in sports and identify their potentials. Hong Kong as a host should do more on promotion and development of disabled sports, as well as scout more talents as potential elites for major international games and/or championships in future.

7.5. "Secretariat-driven" concept

Though HKSAP has a very comprehensive and well planned program we must have a high level and dedicated personnels including both the technical officials (coaches & medical) and managerial staff who are valuable assets of the Association to take the lead to do the job. A well-coordinated link and communication should be established and maintained to enhance the overall organization of the program. The secretariat would therefore form an extremely important part as catalysts in between. The "secretariat driven" concept is then paramount to the success of all, and such had been gradually started and developed in the preparation and actual participation of FESPIC Games. Their initiative and involvement actually lessened most of the work of the volunteers as compared a decade ago. It is hoped that this would extend in future programs maybe in the promotion & development programs in schools and FESPIC Youth Games later this year.

7.6. Achievement in relation to training

Quite a number of the disabled athletes has received some sort of assistance and support from either the SAD Fund or Paralympians Fund. Most of them need not worry too much about their living. Should they pursue further on their performance and achievement more intensive training in terms of frequency and duration would definitely do good and beneficial themselves technically and psychologically. Their results in the Games did vividly reflect and tell us most of it.

7.7. Technical personnel in major games

The athletes and the team in the Games were comparatively well covered through the effort of our designated PR officer

and photographer. It was almost a two-men effort. They had to cover the 13 sports with limited time, resources and support. Should we attend future FESPIC or Paralympic Games more designated officials including IT expert (solely on operating the computer), press officers (1 or 2) and photographers (at least 2) are imperative to cope with the competition events and the travel distance between venues in making it a more successful and well balanced PR activity. Perhaps the Hong Kong media would be invited to cover the events in future Games. Mr. Li Tak Nang, Mr. Poon Tat Man and the secretariat endeavored to arrange and make the job "magic" with limited resources.

7.8. *Best FESPIC Games ever*

Almost all events in the BUSAN Games were sanctioned with the appointment of IPC International Classifiers and Technical Delegates. Ranking points were counted towards the Athens Paralympics 2004. It has been a good start for FESPIC Games to be recognized as such a high and commendable status regional sporting events for the disabled. Genuinely speaking, FESPIC Games is just second to the Paralympic Games and parallel to that of the Asian Games for our able-bodied counterparts. Congratulations to the BUFOC's superb preparation planning and organization of this world class Games. It was one of the best high level Games we ever participated.

7.9. *"Sports Culture" be developed in FESPIC Youth Games 2003*

Should Hong Kong host any big Games like the FESPIC Youth Games in December 2003 the format of the BUSAN Games can well be referred and adopted in arranging nearby local community or schools to act as cheering/supporting group for the participating countries. It serves an excellent opportunity of "Civic Education", "Sports Culture" and PR effect to the general public.

7.10. *Government's more understanding on disabled sports*

The government officials' care and concern on disabled sports had been demonstrated by the supporting group during their visit to the Hong Kong Team both on and off the field at the Busan Games. This gave a very good impetus and boost to the team. Through their visit they would be able to visualize, understand and know more about the athletes, disabled sports in general and the Games.

Their feeling, passion and support would best be indicated in the article written by Mrs. Carrie Lam (2002), Director of the Social Welfare Department.

The Hong Kong Delegation is very much indebted to the supporting group in person, consisting of Mrs. Carrie Lam & her staff Mr. Philip Tang; Mrs. Lolly Chiu, Deputy Secretary of Home Affairs & her staff Mrs. Joan Mak of LCSD; Mrs. Maureen Chan, Executive Director of SDB & her staff Ms Margaret Siu & Ms Doris Kwok; and Mr. David Ip, Vice President & Mrs. Laura Ling, Chairman of SAM.

8. Acknowledgements

Regardless of the increasing level of competitiveness in the FESPIC Games, the Hong Kong, China Delegation had achieved an excellent result in the 8th FESPIC Games by winning a total of 58 medals (27 gold, 15 silver and 16 bronze medals) and ranked fifth in the medal tally right after China, Korea, Thailand and Japan.

The success of the Hong Kong, China Delegation was not only due to the hard work of the athletes, the coaches, the medical personnels, the volunteers, the team management and the secretariat, but with the continuous support and encouragement from the related government departments, organizations and personnel.

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Appendix I. Breakdown on Members of the Hong Kong, China Delegation.

	Sport	SAP	SAM	Total No. of athlete
1.	Archery	3		3
2.	Athletics	15*	6	21*
3.	Badminton	6		6
4.	Boccia	9		9
5.	Wheelchair Basketball	11*		11*
6.	Fencing	13		13
7.	Judo	3		3
8.	Lawn Bowl	6		6
9.	Powerlifting	3		3
10.	Shooting	4		4
11.	Swimming	4	7	11
12.	Table Tennis	13	5	18
13.	Wheelchair Tennis	8		8
	Total:	97	18	115

**1 person duplicated in athletics and wheelchair basketball*

Officials

	Category	SAP	SAM	Total No. of official
1.	Chef de Mission	2		2
2.	Assistant Chef de Mission	1	1	2
3.	Administrative staff	6	2	8
4.	Sports Technical Staff	32	3	35
6.	Medical Staff	9		9
7.	Referee	4		4
8.	Technical delegates	2		2
9.	International Classifier	3		3
	Sub-Total	59	6	65

Grand Total 156 24 180

Appendix II. Medallist of the Hong Kong, China Delegation.

Gold Medal

No.	Athlete	Event	Sport
1.	Chan Shing-chung	Men's F38 Shot Put	Athletics
2.	Chan Shing-chung, Chao Kwok-pang, Cheung Yiu-cheung, So Wa-wai	Men's T35-38 4x100m Relay	Athletics
3.	So Wa-wai	Men's T36 100m (NWR 12.24)	Athletics
4.	So Wa-wai	Men's T36 200m	Athletics
5.	So Wa-wai	Men's T36 400m	Athletics
6.	Chan Kam-tim	Women's F54 javelin	Athletics
7.	Chan Kam-tim	Women's F54 shot put	Athletics
8.	Wong Mei-lan	Women's F56-58 Discus	Athletics
9.	Wong Mei-lan	Women's F56-58 shot put	Athletics
10.	Ma Hoi-Kwan	Women's singles lower class	Badminton
11.	Fung Ying-ki	Men's Foil Individual Category A	Wheelchair Fencing
12.	Hui Charn-hung	Men's Foil Individual Category B	Wheelchair Fencing
13.	Tai Yan-yun	Men's Epee Individual Category A	Wheelchair Fencing
14.	Chung Ting-ching	Men's Epee Individual Category B	Wheelchair Fencing
15.	Chung Ting-ching, Kwong Wai-ip Eric, Tai Yan-yun, Chui Man-fai	Men's Epee Team	Wheelchair Fencing
16.	Hui Charn-hung, Fung Ying-ki, Kwong Wai-ip Eric, Chan Kam-loi	Men's Foil Team	Wheelchair Fencing
17.	Fung Ying-ki	Men's Sabre Individual Category A	Wheelchair Fencing
18.	Hui Charn-hung	Men's Sabre Individual Category B	Wheelchair Fencing
19.	Hui Charn-hung, Fung Ying-ki, Tai Yan-yun, Chan Kam-loi	Men's Sabre Team	Wheelchair Fencing
20.	Yu Chui-ye	Women Foil Individual Category A	Wheelchair Fencing
21.	Yu Chui-ye, Chan Yui-chong, Cho Ping, Fan Pui-shan	Women's Foil Team	Wheelchair Fencing
22.	Yu Chui-ye	Women's Epee Individual Category A	Wheelchair Fencing
23.	Yu Chui-ye, Chan Yui-chong, Cho Ping, Fan Pui-shan	Women's Epee Team	Wheelchair Fencing
24.	Jimmy Chiu	Men's B6-8 individual	Lawn Bowls
25.	Chiu Chung-lun, Eric Curlewis	Men's B6-8 Pairs	Lawn Bowls
26.	Ho Cheung-yuen, Lo Yue-kun	Men's Team Class 6	Table Tennis
27.	Lo Yue-kun	Men's TT6 Singles	Table Tennis

Silver Medal

No.	Athlete	Event	Sport
1.	Chao Kwok-pang	Men's F38 Shot Put	Athletics
2.	Lee Kwok-yin	Men's F55 Shot Put	Athletics
3.	Chan Shing-chung, Chao Kwok-pang, Cheung Yiu-cheung, So Wa-wai	Men's T35-38 4x400m relay	Athletics
4.	Chan Shing-chung	Men's T38 100m	Athletics
5.	Chan Shing-chung	Men's T38 200m	Athletics
6.	Chan Kam-tim	Women's F54/55 Discus	Athletics
7.	Yu Chun-lai	Women's T36 200m	Athletics
8.	Yu Chun-lai	Women's T36 400m	Athletics
9.	Zee Jeffrey Jamin	Men's singles upper class	Badminton
10.	Wong Ho-ming	Men's Foil Individual Category B	Fencing
11.	Chu Man-fai	Men's Epee Individual Category B	Fencing
12.	Fan Pui-shan	Women's Foil Individual Category A	Fencing
13.	Cho Ping	Women's Foil Individual Category B	Fencing
14.	Cho Ping	Women's Epee Individual Category B	Fencing
15.	Yuen Shuk Han	Women's SB4 100m Breaststroke	Swimming

Bronze medal

No.	Athlete	Event	Sport
1.	Cheung Yiu-cheung	Men's T37 400m	Athletics
2.	Chiu Kwok-pang	Men's T38 100m	Athletics
3.	Kwan Man-wai	Women's T44/T46 400m	Athletics
4.	Wong Shu-yuen	Men's singles upper class	Badminton
5.	Wong Shu-yuen, Zee Jeffrey Jamin	Men's doubles upper class	Badminton
6.	Kwok Hoi-ying	BC2 Individual	Boccia
7.	Chan Kam-loi	Men's Foil Individual Category A	Fencing
8.	Chung Ting-ching	Men's Foil Individual Category B	Fencing
9.	Chan Yui-chong	Women's Foil Individual Category B	Fencing
10.	Fan Pui-shan	Women's Epee Individual Category A	Fencing
11.	Chan Yui-chong	Women's Epee Individual Category B	Fencing
12.	Tsang Chiu-kin	Men's Open 60kg	Judo
13.	Eric Curlewis	Men's B6-8 individual	Lawn Bowls
14.	Leung Shui-mai	Women's 10m Air Rifle Standing	Shooting
15.	Chan Siu Ling, Fung Yuet Wah, Wong Pui Yi	Women's Team TT5	Table Tennis
16.	Ho Cheung-yuen	Men's TT6 Singles	Table Tennis

Demonstration Events-Gold Medal

No.	Athlete	Event	Sport
1.	Chan Fu-sang	Men's T20 400m	Athletics
2.	Chan Fu-sang	Men's F20 Long Jump	Athletics
3.	Tsang Ka-yan	Women's F20 Long Jump	Athletics
4.	Chan Fu-sang	Men's F20 shot put	Athletics
5.	Chan Fu-sang	Men's F20 shot put	Athletics
6.	Chan Pui-kei	Men's SM14 200m Individual Medley	Swimming
7.	Po Tik-san	Men's S14 4x100m Freestyle	Swimming
8.	Yung Wai-yip, Chan Pui-kei, Lam Pok-yin, Leung Shu-hang	Men's S14 4x100m Freestyle	Swimming
9.	Leung Shu-hang	SM14 200m Individual Medley	Swimming
10.	Po Tik-sun	Men's S14 100 Butterfly	Swimming
11.	Po Tik San	Men's S14 400m Free Style	Swimming
12.	Leung Shu-hang	Women's SB14 100m Breaststroke	Swimming
13.	Lai Wai-ling	TT11 Individual	Table Tennis
14.	Lai Wai-ling, Wong Ka-man, Wong Man-yan	Women's Team TT11	Table Tennis

Demonstration Events-Silver Medal

No.	Athlete	Event	Sport
1.	Cheung Yuk-ping	Women's T20 800m	Athletics
2.	Tsang Ka-yan	Women's T20 100m	Athletics
3.	Tsang Ka-yan	Women's T20 200m	Athletics
4.	Tsang Ka-yan	Women's F20 Shot Put	Athletics
5.	Cheung Che-wai	Men's F20 shot put	Athletics
6.	Leung Shu-hang	Women's SB14 100m Backstroke	Swimming
7.	Chan Pui-kei	Men's S14 50m freestyle	Swimming
8.	Chan Pui-kei	Men's S14 100m Backstroke	Swimming
9.	Wong Ka-man	Women's TT11 Individual	Table Tennis
10.	Chan Kam-fai, Lam Chi-keung	Men's Team TT11	Table Tennis

Demonstration Events-Bronze Medal

No.	Athlete	Event	Sport
1.	Chan Pik-kwan	Women's F20 Long Jump	Athletics
2.	Cheung Che-wai	Men's T20 400m	Athletics
3.	Cheung Che-wai	Men's T20 100m	Athletics
4.	Cheung Che-wai	Men's T20 1500m	Athletics
5.	Cheung Yuk-ping	Women's T20 200m	Athletics
6.	Cheung Yuk-ping	Women's F20 Shot Put	Athletics
7.	Po Tik-san	Men's SM14 200m Individual Medley	Swimming
8.	Yung Wai-ip	Men's SB14 100m Breaststroke	Swimming
9.	Yung Wai-yip	Men's S14 100m Freestyle	Swimming
10.	Wong Man-yan	Women's TT11 Individual	Table Tennis

Appendix III. Historical Development of the Events.

Year	Events
1944	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sports being recognized as the means of Rehabilitation; sports starting to grow with the establishment of related organizations
1964	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● US Wheelchair Basketball Team's visit to Hong Kong after the Tokyo Paralympics 1964 with sports demonstrations
1965	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Friendly match among rehabilitation centers on Wheelchair Basketball & Archery
1970	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1st team in participating in overseas competition 2 polio athletes representing Hong Kong in the 3rd Commonwealth Games for Disabled, Scotland ● 1st Sports Day organized after the visit of the New Zealand team during their return from the International Stoke Mandeville Games
1972	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Formation of SAP in taking over the work of the Sports Committee of the Hong Kong Council of Social Service (HKCSS) with the employment of 1st staff (sports coordinator) ● 1st team in participating in Paralympics – Hiedelberg
1973	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Headquarters in operation; 1st Flag Day; becoming member of HKCSS; participating in activities organized in response to the Hong Kong Festival
1974	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Member of the Community Chest with annual subvention ● 1st swimming coaching course
1975	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Choi Hung Sub-Office in operation with 2 mini buses in transporting members for activities ● Participating in the 1st FESPIC Games, Oita & Beppu, Japan with 973 participants from 18 nations/territories (1974 FESPIC Federation established)
1976	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● HKSAP affiliated to ASF&OC (the then SF&OC, Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China), and being the first disabled organization in the world accepted as a member of the NOC
1977	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 10-month recruitment program ("Have A Go") in 16 districts; Ebenezer School for the Blind loaned as weekend activity center; regular monthly classification started ● Receiving subvention from the Social Welfare Department ● Inviting respective NSAs to assist in annual competitions

- 1978 ● Outstanding athletes awards established
- Employing the Sports Director in looking after overall sports development and management
- Sending physiotherapists to UK for Cerebral Palsy Classification
- 1979 ● Assisting Macau to form Macau SAP
- Organizing the 1st International Meet for preparation of the FESPIC Games 1982
- 1980 ● 1st Wheelchair Marathon organized in Macau
- Regular training of elite athletes started
- 1981 ● International Year of Disabled Persons (IYDP), additional funding from government
- 1982 ● Disciplinary action to misbehaved athlete
- 3rd FESPIC Games held in Hong Kong with 743 athletes coming from 23 nations / territories to compete in 9 sports
- 1983 ● Triangular Wheelchair Meet among Guangzhou, Hong Kong & Macau with 10 Km race, table tennis and wheelchair basketball
- Mr. David Griffiths' Beijing – Hong Kong Fund Raising Marathon; such expediting the formation of the China SAP
- 1984 ● Receiving funding support on athletes training from the former Urban Council
- Assisting the formation of Guangzhou SAP
- Participating in the 1st All China Games for Disabled, Hefei, Anhui
- 1985 ● Corporate sponsorship received; Sports Medicine Sub-Committee established
- Stephen Cheng winning 1 gold, 4 silver & 1 bronze in Canada National Games with a world record of 29" in 50M Free
- 1986 ● Establishment of the Sports Aid for Disabled Fund (SADF)
- 1987 ● 3 Hong Kong & 5 overseas wheelchair athletes participating in the Hong Kong Marathon organized by the Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association
- Organization of the 6-Ciity Wheelchair Basketball Tournament in celebrating the 15th Anniversary of SAP
- Inclusion of special schools as Corporated Member so as to appeal Promotion and Participation
- 1988 ● Participating in the iSports Stars Awards ì organized by the Coca Cola
- FESPIC Federation Executive Committee Meeting held in Hong Kong with the attendance of members from 8 nation / territories
- Additional funding from Community Chest in development scheme on CP Sports
- Regional development scheme lessening transport problem of the disabled
- 1989 ● Five members of the Executive Committee taking the post in international organizations
- 1990 ● Funding in line with NSAs received (including 2 staff) from the newly formed Hong Kong Sports Development Board (SDB)
- FESPIC Regional Workshop conducted with participation of 65 representatives from 18 nations/ territories
- 1991 ● 4 experts invited to conduct classification workshop and then assisting in the 3rd All China Games for Disabled in Guangzhou
- 1992 ● Organizing the FESPIC Top 12 Table Tennis Tournament in celebrating the 20th Anniversary of SAP
- 1993 ● With the inception of Taipei – the Triangular Wheelchair Meet changed to Quadrangular format

- Nomination of SAP coaches for the “Outstanding Coaches Awards” organized by the Hong Kong Coaching Committee
- 1994 ● 2 outstanding blind bowlers invited to participate in the 15th Commonwealth Games with the achievement of winning 2 bronze medals
- Organizing the World Wheelchair Fencing Championships (first time held outside Europe)
- 1995 ● Organizing the General Assembly of the CP-ISRA (Cerebral Palsy – International Sports & Recreation Association) with the participation of 80 representatives from 34 member nations. (first time held in Asia)
- 1996 ● 9 wheelchair basketball teams entering for the 3-a-side Basketball Tournament
- In the Atlanta Paralympic Games (24 athletes in 6 sports) 5 gold, 5 silver & 5 bronze medals won; Mr. Ben Cheung & the CP 4x100M Relay Team winning the “Sports Star Awards” of Coca Cola in outstanding athlete and team respectively
- 1997 ● Dr. York Chow, Chairman of SAP elected as Vice President of International Paralympic Committee (IPC)
- Mr. Ben Cheung, 1st disabled athlete receiving scholarship from Hong Kong Sports Institute; and elected as “10 Outstanding Young Persons of the World” in the following year
- 1st FESPIC Table Tennis Championships organized in celebrating the 25th Anniversary of SAP
- 1998 ● 97 athletes including both physically and mentally disabled first ever in participating in the 7th FESPIC Games with the attainment of winning 65 medals, breaking 4 world records, and ranking 5th out of 34 countries / territories
- 1999 ● Support of the HKSAR Government & SFOC to bid for the FESPIC Games
- 2000 ● The 28 members of Hong Kong, China Delegation at the 2000 Sydney Paralympics in winning 8 gold, 3 silver & 7 bronze medals with 3 world records ; being ranked 21st out of 122 nations; and first time to participate in the Paralympics with athletes from HKSAM
- 2001 ● 1st FESPIC Boccia Championships held in Hong Kong
- Prof Sir Harry Fang, the President of SAP awarded the Paralympic Order, highest honour in Paralympic Movement; Dr. York Chow, the Chairman re-elected as Vice President of IPC
- HK\$50 million granted by the government as the “Hong Kong Paralympians Fund” to providing support to disabled athletes during all stages of their sporting career and thereafter
- So Wa Wai (“Magic Kid”) CP athlete with 4 world records winning the “Leader of the Year Award” in sport (The Hon. Timothy Fok & Dr. Lee Lai San receiving the same award in the following year)
- 2002 ● 115 athletes (both physically & mentally disabled) winning 28 gold, 15 silver & 16 bronze medals with a ranking of 5 out of 43 nations / territories in the Busan FESPIC Games
- Prof Sir Harry Fang, the President of SAP awarded the FESPIC Order by the FESPIC Federation in recognition of his contribution in the FESPIC Movement.
- 2003 ● FESPIC Youth Games in December

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