

## Report of General Committee For the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020

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*The General Committee has pleasure in presenting their report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.*

### Membership

The all category membership stood at 2,335, a similar membership number received compared to the previous year.

### Highlight

Year 2019/20 was a challenging year to Hong Kong Squash. Most of the planned competitions, programmes and activities were affected to a great extent by the Hong Kong social unrest starting from June 2019, followed by the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic spreading around the world in the first quarter of 2020.

Due to the cancellation of the annual highlighted event Everbright Sun Hung Kai Hong Kong Squash Open 2019 and in order to express our gratitude and appreciation to the support received

from all the fans and members, Hong Kong Squash hosted a first ever, *Elites Challenge* with the top local squash players that included Leo Au, Yip Tsz Fung, Max Lee, Henry Leung, Alex Lau, Wong Chi Him, Tang Ming Hong, Annie Au, Joey Chan, Liu Tsz Ling, Tong Tsz Wing, Ho Tze Look, Vanessa Chu and Lee Ka Yi to demonstrate their best squash skills to delight the supporters. The Hong Kong Squash Elites Challenge completed successfully with an enthusiastic and ecstatic crowd who enjoyed a great and special tournament together with the players on the first weekend of December at the newly renovated exhibition court of the Hong Kong Squash Centre.

A newly launched programme by Hong Kong Squash, the *Happy Squash Kindergarten Play-In Scheme* was designed for children aged 3 – 5 to experience the joy of movement through a series of safe and interactive fun games under the foundation of Mini- Squash Scheme. This is to arouse their initial interest to squash and to establish a balanced development of body, attitude, fitness and reflex. We arranged our experienced coaches or athletes to visit schools for an hour of game-based squash activities and demonstration. Encouraging children to build up a concept of exercise and cultivate the habit of exercising.

In recognition of our remarkable performance and strong commitment in safeguarding the high standards in corporate governance, Hong Kong Squash was awarded the "*Certificate of Commendation*" presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department in recognition of the association's outstanding achievements under its Sports Subvention Scheme for eight years in a row.

## Tournaments

In view of the social situation in Hong Kong in the last quarter of 2019, Hong Kong Squash decided, after careful consideration and extensive discussions with our key stakeholders, to postpone the 34<sup>th</sup> edition of the *Everbright Sun Hung Kai Hong Kong Squash Open* which was due to be played on 2 to 8 December 2019 at the Hong Kong Squash Centre and the West Kowloon Cultural District (Semis & Finals) to 2020. Hong Kong Squash and the Professional Squash Association are in active discussion to identify the best schedule for the hosting of the event in 2020.

With the support of title-sponsor "*Bright Smart Securities*", the *2019 Hong Kong Championships* was wrapped up successfully. The women's final was between the defending champion Annie Au and Liu Tsz Ling. Au took the first game lead then Liu came back to level the score, however, Au regained the momentum to win in four games successfully retaining her title for five consecutive years. The defending champion Leo Au and the second seed Max Lee produced an intensive battle in the men's final and finally Leo managed to keep up his performance to dominate the match defending his Hong Kong Champion title in four games. This tournament attracted not only the top national players but also many local squash enthusiasts to compete in 13 groups over three weeks including the grade titles and masters events.

Title-sponsored by *HEAD*, the *Squash Cup 2019* was particularly organized for amateur and regular players before the start of the League season in September, attracting over 200 league and non-league players to compete in 4 men's and 2 women's categories.

The inaugural *Asian School Squash Championships 2019*, which was due to be held in August, was postponed considering the ongoing social unrest in the second half of 2019.

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### Squash League

The 2019/20 Squash League entry of 239 teams comprising of 195 main league teams in 19 divisions, 18 ladies teams in 3 divisions and 26 masters teams in 3 divisions. In consideration of the closure of the public squash venues as a consequence of the pandemic, the league was suspended in the middle of the season in February. A pro-rata refund of the league team fee was arranged to all teams.

With respect to the 2019 Summer League, a total number of 187 teams joined and competed for the titles of 10 divisions, which was an increase compared with 171 teams in the last year.

### Coaching

The regular activities of the coach development programme was being interrupted throughout the year, with only the *Mini-squash Instructor Course* successfully organized for the local primary schools teachers in October to introduce them to some basic knowledge and skills of the sport. The planned *WSF Level-2 Coaching Course* and a *WSF Level-2 Refresher Course*, which were due to be held in March, had been postponed to next year. The two annual coaching activities including *Hong Kong Squash Coaching Seminar cum Coaching Award Presentation Dinner* were cancelled due to COVID-19.

### Junior Development

The funding from the Leisure & Cultural Services Department for junior programmes continued to increase gradually allowing all of our current programmes to be maintained in quantity and quality. A total of HK\$7.68million was sub-vented to Hong Kong Squash to cover the operation cost of the *Regional Squad Training* and *Young Athletes Training Scheme*, *Fujifilm Mini-squash Scheme*, *Squash Talent Foundation Programme* and *School Sports Programmes*. Most of these programmes were suspended for some months because of the social unrest and the pandemic.

The *Fujifilm Mini-squash Scheme* continued to be the core programme among primary school students. This year some of the training courses and the promotional activities, including the highlighted event *Mini-squash Carnival* held in March, were called off.

A total of 588 juniors were assessed on skills under the *HEAD Hong Kong Junior Squash Award Scheme* held in May, August and October, with more than half of the participants meeting the requirement of the various award levels. Nonetheless, the assessment scheduled in the last quarter of Year 2019/20 in February was cancelled due to the pandemic.

The prestigious and biggest junior international tournament in town, the *HEAD Hong Kong Junior Squash Open 2019* was a “Platinum” event of the Asian Junior Super Series (AJSS) and also a “Tier 2” event of the World Junior Circuit (WJC). Over five hundred young players from 14 countries and cities included Australia, Canada, China, Egypt, India, Japan, Korea, Macau, Malaysia, Qatar, Singapore, Chinese Taipei, United States and host Hong Kong joined this highest ranked junior event in Asia. Players from 10 different age divisions performed their best squash in front of ecstatic crowds. We witnessed the local favorites To Wai Lok and Chan Sin Yuk claim the champion of Boy’s and Girl’s Under 19 events. Plus Renee Wing Wu winning the GU17 championship, our juniors proudly captured 3 titles for Hong Kong in the tournament.

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The apex of the local junior tournaments in each year was *Prince Hong Kong Junior Squash Championships 2019* that reached a successful end by attracting 424 juniors taking part. All the top seeds were crowned as the new Hong Kong Junior Champions in five different aged divisions of Under 19, 17, 15, 13 and 11 for boys and girls respectively while Chan Sin Yuk defended her GU19 title and To Wai Look claimed his first BU19 title at the newly renovated exhibition court at the Hong Kong Squash Centre.

With the support of the Sports Federations & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, the *2019 Festival of Sports HK Squash Junior Ranking Tournament*, was successfully organized at the beginning of the year in April 2019. This event attracted 406 juniors competing in 10 age categories.

Yet again attributed to social unrest and COVID-19, all the inter-secondary schools team and individual tournaments and the inter-primary schools competitions organized by the HK Schools Sports Federation and supported by Hong Kong Squash were cancelled correspondingly.

### Elite Performance

#### Seniors

In Year 2019/20 our squash athletes experienced a challenging year in terms of instability and uncertainty of the world sporting climate. Most of the PSA world tour tournaments and major championships were suspended due to the outbreak of the pandemic across the globe and the restricted international travel. However, our squash players had tried every mean to perform well every time they can play.

On the individual side, the elite athletes continue to demonstrate to the world their commitment in striking for excellence. Early in the year in April, the world no. 11 *Annie Au* took home her biggest PSA title in *Macau Squash Open 2019*. The tournament top seed was in control of the whole game to outplay the Malaysian Low Wee Wern with a comfortable straight games win 3-0 in the final to achieve her first PSA bronze event title in her career. In addition, *Annie Au* also was crowned the women's champion of the *HKFC PSA International 2019* held in September while *Yip Tsz Fung* finished the 1st runner-up correspondingly at the same event.

Top seed *Leo Au* outplayed the local star Abdulla Al Tamimi with a straight 3-0 win in the final of *QSF Open 2019* to claim his 10th PSA title in Doha, Qatar held in July 2019. Joined by *Ho Tze Lok*, *Vanessa Chu*, *Lee Ka Yi*, *Tong Tsz Wing*, *Tang Ming Hong* and *Wong Chi Him* who also performed well in the PSA tour and retained various tournaments titles in the year.

Three medals were captured by the HK elite in the biennial *Asian Individual Squash Championships 2019* held in May in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. *Annie Au* came up short of winning her second title after losing to the defending champion Joshna Chinappa of India in the women's final. In the men's event, *Leo Au* captured a silver medal while *Yip Tsz Fung* attained his maiden Men's Singles bronze medal in this championships.

Hong Kong retained the title of the *East Asian Championship* for nine consecutive years at the 14th edition of the championship held in Japan in August 2019. The team consisted of *Ho Tze Lok*, *Lee Ka Yi*, *Tong Tsz Wing*, *Leo Au*, *Alex Lau*, *Henry Leung* and *Wong Chi Him* clinching a clean sweep in the mixed team event, producing all 5-nil victories over China, Chinese Taipei,

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Japan and Macau, China to defend the championship.

The major improvement in the *PSA world rankings* of the individual players shows strong proof of their good progress in their elite training and development. Hong Kong men's player Yip Tsz Fung reached his career high at World No. 21 and his fellow teammate, Leo Au also maintained his ranking amongst the world's top 30 throughout the year. Leading the charge of women was Annie Au who continued occupying a position in the Top 10 whereas Joey Chan made a step back in her career high of World No. 16 after 2012.

*Annie Au* retired as a professional squash player in March after her ten fruitful years of full-time training at the Hong Kong Sports Institute. Hong Kong Squash wishes her all the best in her new endeavor and are thankful for her contribution to our sport and to Hong Kong.

### Juniors

In Year 2019/20, Hong Kong Junior Team continued their strong run in the world squash arena, Hong Kong Junior Girls team consisting of *Chan Sin Yuk, Wong Po Yui Kirstie, Lee Sum Yuet and Fing Ching Hei Heylie* claimed the bronze medal after performing consistently at the *WSF World Junior Squash Team Championships 2019* which was held in July/August in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. This remarkable performance marked Hong Kong's seventh time of a top four finish in eight appearances between 2005 and 2019.

Hong Kong Junior Team achieved an impressive result in the *26<sup>th</sup> Asian Junior Individual Championships 2019* which concluded in Macau in June. *Chan Sin Yuk*, the top seed of GU17, defeated the Malaysian *Yee Xin Ying* in a comfortable straight games win to collect her 3rd time title. Rising star *Ena Kwong* lost to *Anrie Goh Chu Yu* of Malaysia in the GU13 final. Meanwhile, *Wong Po Yui Kirstie* of GU17, *Tse Jat* of BU15, *Tse Yee Lam Toby* and *Tam Mariko Cho Nga* of GU15 and *Wong Wing Kuen* of BU13 earned bronze medals in this annual Championship.

Additionally, there were also some other outstanding performances of our juniors achieved in the two Asian Junior Super Series (AJSS) events. Our juniors claimed a sensational result in the *PBA 17th Penang (Malaysian) Junior Open 2019*, including *Chan Sin Yuk* and *Tam Cho Nga Mariko* respectively won the maiden gold medal in GU19 and GU15 events while two more bronze medals by *Ena Kwong* of GU13 and *Chung Yee Ling* of GU11 were achieved in this AJSS Platinum Event, the highest ranked junior event in the region. Later in December, the juniors achieved outstanding results by winning two gold medals and 1 silver medal in GU9, GU13 and BU15 at the *13<sup>th</sup> Kuala Lumpur Junior Open 2019* respectively. *Alyssa Ho* and *Chung Ka Yau* both took the victory home with straight wins over their opponents in the final of the GU13 and GU9 respectively. Meanwhile, *Tse Jat* captured the silver medal in the BU15 final.

Sadly, due to COVID-19, other major events of "Asian Junior Super Series" and "World Junior Circuit" were forced to be called off at last.

### Rules & Regulations

Under the CBTA referee development scheme of the WSF, two Hong Kong referees continued their international referee status while another three Hong Kong referees have acquired the regional standard, one of them being newly qualified. Additionally, four Hong Kong referees maintained their status as ASF Referee Regional Assessor. Furthermore, a total of eleven Referee

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Refresher Clinics were organized by the Association and private sports clubs throughout the year, attracting over 600 league players to learn the up-to-date squash rules.

### Community Squash Club

A total of 88 *activity programmes* were conducted by 24 out of 31 *Community Squash Clubs* who all played an important role in developing the public interest for the sport in the community. In addition, some clubs also provided volunteer services for assisting the association in conducting the squash promotional activities in the community.

### Finance

A surplus of HK\$626,245 (2018/19: HK\$614,599) was generated by Hong Kong Squash for the year ended 31 March 2020 and accumulated funds grew to HK\$9,035,840 (2018/19: HK\$8,409,595). This strong financial performance was achieved notwithstanding the challenges of the pandemic and the disruptions caused by the social movement in Hong Kong. A number of events and programmes were cancelled or suspended in the last few months of our financial year, such as the Hong Kong Open, many squash league matches, and most of the junior and squad training and community programmes. Although there were some negative financial consequences, such as refunds of entry fees having to be paid, costs were also saved and government funding continued throughout, thus minimising the financial impact.

The 2020/21 financial year has continued to be challenging, but the government support has continued and measures are in place to contain our costs and we continue to only commit to events and programmes when it is safe to do so and the necessary funding is secured. We greatly appreciate all the support provided by government, suppliers, commercial sponsors and our committed team of staff and coaches during these uncertain times.

Hong Kong Squash remains in a very healthy financial condition, with steady cashflow and adequate reserves, which should help us to navigate through this difficult period.

### Awards & Honours

*HKSAR-LCSD's Certificate of Commendation 2018-2019 – Hong Kong Squash*

*HK Sports Institute Sports for Hope Foundation Outstanding Junior Athletes Awards: -*

- Outstanding Junior Athletes Award (2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr, 2019) – Chan Sin Yuk
- Outstanding Junior Athletes Award (3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr, 2019) – Chan Sin Yuk, Wong Po Yui Kirstie, Lee Sum Yuet, Fung Ching Hei Hailey (World Junior Women's Team)
- Certificate of Merit (4<sup>th</sup> Qtr, 2019) – Cheung Ka Yau, Ho Tsz Ling Alyssa

The other annual awards i.e. *Asian Squash Federation Performance Awards 2019, Asian Squash Federation Coaching Awards 2019, Hong Kong Sports Stars Awards 2019, Hong Kong Coaching Awards 2019, and Hong Kong Squash Coaching Awards 2019* were rescheduled.

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**International Federation Appointments**

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WSF Major Games Commission Member – Mr. David Mui, MH, JP  
WSF Disciplinary Commission Member – Mr. Cedric Tyen  
WSF Development Commission Chair – Ms. Emily Mak  
WSF Referee – Mr. Mohammad Fayyaz, Mr. Anthony So

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ASF Secretary General – Mr. Duncan Chiu  
ASF Hon. Treasurer – Mr. Cedric Tyen  
ASF Assistant Secretary General – Miss. Emily Mak  
ASF Referees Committee Member – Mr. Anthony So  
ASF Regional Referee Assessors – Mr. Mohammad Fayyaz, Mr. Anthony So, Mr. Amos Yuen, Mr. Andrew Ho  
ASF Regional Referees – Mr. Amos Yuen, Mr. Chan Ping Him, Ms. Li Wing Shan

*The work of the secretariat of the Asian Squash Federation has been well supported by Hong Kong Squash and that the profile of Hong Kong Squash in Asia is raised because of the in depth involvement in the Federation's operation.*

***East Asian Squash Federation:-***

EASF Hon. President – Mr. David Mui, MH, JP  
EASF Director of Championships – Miss. Emily Mak

***Chinese Squash Association:-***

Vice-Chairman – Mr. David Mui, MH JP

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Hong Kong Squash acknowledges the continuing support of the *Home Affairs Bureau, the Leisure & Cultural Services Department, and The Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of HK, China, the Hong Kong Sports Institute* and the many generous *commercial sponsors* and many willing *volunteers* serving in the various sub-committees and working groups.

Lastly, on behalf of all the Committee Members, I would like to express our sincere thanks to all of you being very supportive to Hong Kong Squash. Gratitude must also go to all the diligent staffs, including *Miss. Emily Mak, Miss. Angel Chan, Mr. Jovi Au, Ms. Giselle Lai, Ms. Maggie Fung, Miss Eabby Law, Mr. Nicholas Nip, Miss. Anthea Ho, Mr. Boris Fan, Ms. Fanny Hui and Ms. Janet Tai* for their great works throughout the year.



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