

Appointments to Mega Events Fund Assessment Committee

The Government today (June 12) announced an appointment and re-appointments to the Mega Events Fund Assessment Committee (the Assessment Committee) for a term of two years with effect from June 15, 2014:

Chairman

Mr Jeffrey Lam Kin-fung (re-appointment)

Non-official members

Mr Chris Burke (re-appointment)

Professor Frank Fu Hoo-kin (re-appointment)

Mr Michael Hobson (re-appointment)

Mr Wayne Leung Wai-yin (re-appointment)

Dr Paul Liu Ngai-wing (re-appointment)

Mr Stephen Tan (re-appointment)

Mr Charles Yang Chuen-liang (new appointment)

Official members

Deputy Commissioner for Tourism

(re-appointment)

Deputy Director of Information Services

(re-appointment)

Deputy Secretary for Home Affairs

(re-appointment)

The Assessment Committee comprises members from the tourism, culture, arts, sports, entertainment, event management and accounting sectors as well as representatives from the Home Affairs Bureau, the Information Services Department and the Tourism Commission.

The Assessment Committee advises the Government on the administration of the Mega Events Fund, including drawing up the procedures, guidelines and criteria for assessing applications, considering applications, monitoring the progress of events supported by the Fund and evaluating their performance.

"We are grateful to the Chairman and members of the Assessment Committee for their dedicated efforts in carrying out the diversified tasks of the Assessment

Committee in the past five years. With their professional expertise and rich experience in the respective fields, members of the Assessment Committee will continue to assist us in bringing more mega events to Hong Kong.

"We are also pleased to appoint Mr Charles Yang to the Assessment Committee. Mr Yang has rich knowledge of the tourism sector, as well as profound professional accounting knowledge which will help enhance the effectiveness of the operation of the Mega Events Fund," a Government spokesman said.

The Mega Events Fund was established in May 2009 for a term of three years. In April 2012, the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council approved the allocation of \$150 million to extend the operation of the Fund for five years under a modified two-tier system to attract more internationally acclaimed mega events to Hong Kong and reinforce Hong Kong's position as the Events Capital of Asia.

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