

HKSARG supports SF&OC hosting 2026 Association of National Olympic Committees General Assembly in Hong Kong (with photos)

The 2024 General Assembly of the Association of National Olympic Committees (ANOC) announced yesterday (October 31, Cascais time) the successful bid of Hong Kong, China to host the 2026 ANOC General Assembly in Hong Kong. The Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism, Mr Kevin Yeung, actively participated in the bidding process and illustrated to ANOC that Hong Kong is an ideal place for hosting this important international sports meeting. He expressed excitement about Hong Kong's successful bid and thanked ANOC for its trust in Hong Kong.

ANOC comprises 206 National Olympic Committees (NOCs) and is responsible for protecting and advancing the interests of the world's NOCs and supporting their mission of promoting Olympic Values worldwide. The General Assembly is the supreme governing body of ANOC and a significant international sports event.

Mr Yeung said, "Hong Kong's successful bid to host the 2026 ANOC General Assembly shows international confidence in Hong Kong's ability to host major sports events. The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region will fully support and guide the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China in hosting this important international meeting, co-ordinating close co-operation between relevant government departments and various sectors including tourism and business, with a view to demonstrating the synergy between sports, convention and exhibition as well as tourism, giving full play to Hong Kong's strengths in connecting with the world and telling good stories of Hong Kong."

During his visit to Portugal, Mr Yeung met with the Secretary of State for Sport of the Government of Portugal, Mr Pedro Dias, on the morning of October 30 (Cascais time) to exchange views on the work and vision of the promotion of sports development in Hong Kong and Portugal. Mr Yeung then visited the Cidade do Futebol (Football City) of the Portuguese Football Federation in Lisbon in the afternoon and met with the Federation's President, Mr Fernando Gomes, to explore co-operation opportunities between the two places in promoting football development. Mr Yeung also visited various facilities in the Football City, including training and competition venues, as well as ancillary facilities for sports medicine and science.

Under the arrangements of the Ministry of Culture of the Government of Portugal, Mr Yeung visited the Palácio Nacional da Ajuda yesterday morning and met with the curator to exchange views on ways to promote culture exchanges through museums.

Mr Yeung departed Portugal for Hong Kong today (November 1, Cascais time).

