

# Kai Tak Sports Park holds another large-scale stress test (with photos)

A large-scale stress test was held again this afternoon (February 16) at the Kai Tak Sports Park (KTSP), with over 50 000 participants, to assess the operational readiness of the KTSP and its surrounding facilities in organising variety shows with maximum attendance. The evaluation also covered the entry and exit arrangements, as well as the related public transport facilities.

Over 50 000 civil servants and members of the public participated in the exercise, which utilised all the three venues at the KTSP. It marked a record high of public participants with a wide range of age groups. The composition will assist in reviewing and optimising future arrangements for entering and leaving the venue, and will provide data with reference value for various stakeholders. The Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Chan Kwok-ki, inspected the stress test.

Noting that the KTSP is the largest sports infrastructure in Hong Kong and set to host international and large-scale events in various sizes and types, the "Exercise Team" simulated the arrival of VIPs and visiting guests during the event, with a view to enhancing the co-ordination between the KTSP and other stakeholders, as well as to formulate various contingency plans in a timely manner.

The exercise also evaluated the performance of the "Easy Leave" platform, which utilises artificial intelligence to analyse real-time data. The platform facilitates the spectators to choose the most suitable route to leave the venue by providing the real-time information on the crowd density and time required of each exit route. This helps alleviate pressure on public transport and crowd flows during the dispersal of large-scale events, as well as ensuring public safety. The Police will collect feedback from users to optimise the platform operation.

A number of bureaux, departments and organisations, including the Hong Kong Police Force, the Fire Services Department, the Transport Department, the Civil Aid Service, the Auxiliary Medical Service, the MTR Corporation Limited and the KTSP Limited, sent their staff to participate in the exercise.

With the close collaboration of all parties, the exercise proceeded smoothly, achieving the anticipated results and testing objectives. The public transport system and surrounding facilities were able to divert the large passenger flows within a short period of time, allowing participants to enter and leave the venue in an orderly manner.

All stakeholders will continue to optimise all the areas of work with a view to achieving excellence in crowd and traffic management, enhancing spectator experience and minimising impacts on the community, and to ensure

the smooth operation in organising mega event after the commissioning of KTSP on March 1.

