<u>Mass Participation Events of 15th</u> National Games announced

The 15th National Games (NG), to be cohosted by Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao, is the highest-level and largest national multisport event in the country. From November 9 to 21, elite athletes from different provinces, municipalities and special administrative regions will converge on the three places to compete for top honours.

The 15th NG includes 34 competition events and mass participation events. The mass participation events covering 23 sports will be divided into two categories: competition and demonstration. Competition events will cover 19 sports, namely table tennis, badminton, tennis, football, basketball, light volleyball, shuttlecock, roller sports, dragon boating, go, Chinese chess, chess, bridge, Chinese wrestling, orienteering, karate, gateball, modelling and bowling. Demonstration events will cover four sports, namely health qigong, tai chi, dragon and lion dancing, and broadcast gymnastics. The final events of various mass participation games will be held in Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao from May to November. Members of the public are encouraged to participate in the activities of the NG in welcoming the event to be held in November.

In upholding the NG's ideal of "benefit ordinary people, make a healthy China", national sports associations or relevant organisations will conduct free-of-charge athlete selections or objective technical tests to assess the skill level of athletes in the selection of eligible athletes to represent the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in the mass participation events of the 15th NG.

Hosting eight NG competition events for the first time, Hong Kong will also stage one mass participation event, which is bowling. Besides being spectators to cheer for the athletes, members of the public will have the opportunity to personally participate in this national mega sports event by competing in the mass participation events on behalf of Hong Kong.

The athlete selections of the mass participation events are being conducted. The bowling event will be hosted by Hong Kong starting in April. The selection criteria and enrolment details of the mass participation events are available on the LCSD-designated website www.lcsd.gov.hk/en/ngames/2025/competitions/participation.html.