

SCST congratulates Hong Kong athletes shine at Special Olympics

The Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism, Mr Kevin Yeung, today (June 26) praised Hong Kong athletes for their remarkable achievements and winning glory for Hong Kong in the Special Olympics World Summer Games 2023 (Special Olympics) in Berlin, Germany. He also extended his heartfelt congratulations to all medallists in the Games. The Hong Kong delegation has completed all the competitions and won a total of 75 medals, comprising 39 gold medals, 25 silver medals and 11 bronze medals.

Mr Yeung said, "Our athletes showed their strengths in various competitions and achieved outstanding results. They have won the well-deserved medals with skills and perseverance. Their great performance showcased that Hong Kong is brave enough to make progress and emerging stronger. It is very encouraging and I am proud of them. I sincerely congratulate all the athletes and wish them to continue to shine brightly in the future."

This year, the Special Olympics was held from June 17 to 25 in Berlin. Special Olympics Hong Kong has sent 81 athletes who competed in 13 sports events, namely athletics, basketball, bocce, badminton, bowling, football 7-a-side, futsal, golf, artistic gymnastics, rhythmic gymnastics, swimming, tennis and table tennis.

The Special Olympics is the world's largest sporting event for persons with intellectual disability. The competitions are structured through divisioning, so that athletes compete with the others of similar ability in equitable divisions.