INSPIRE.
TRAIN.
EXCEL.
As the Government's delivery agent for elite sport training systems in Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI) is committed to providing an environment in which sports talent can be identified, nurtured and developed to pursue excellence in the international sporting arena. In addition to world-class training facilities, a comprehensive range of support is provided for athletes, comprising elite training programmes formulated by professional coaches, financial support, sports science and sports medicine services, as well as educational, social and personal support to cater for the athletes' whole-person development.
World Class

In addition to talent, it usually takes 8 to 12 years of full-time systematic training to nurture a world champion.

Elite Athletes

Raise standards through training and competition.

Junior Athletes

Receive systematic training.

Potential Athletes

Under the recommendations of National Sports Associations, athletes with potential are given training opportunities at the HKSI for further development to enable them to join the ranks of junior and elite athletes.
Under the Government’s Elite Vote Support Scheme (EVSS), the achievements of athletes in different sports at major international competitions are reviewed every two years to identify the high performance sports to be supported by the HKSI. Sports that meet the selection criteria are provided with stable support for a four-year period, which is aligned with the Asian Games and Olympic Games cycles. The EVSS adopts a three-tier structure, with sports categorised into Tier A*, Tier A and Tier B.

Tier A* Sports

Criteria
- Tier A sports whose athletes have consistently performed at the highest international level and have the potential to achieve medals at the Olympic Games.

Level of Support
- The same full support provided to Tier A sports, as well as additional resources to enhance preparation for the Olympic Games.

Sports
- Badminton
- Cycling
- Table Tennis
- Windsurfing

Tier A Sports

Criteria
- Sports with an EVSS score of 10 points or above, whose athletes have competed in at least three previous Asian or Olympics Games since 1997.

Level of Support
- Dedicated coaching teams, funding for elite training programmes, full sports science and sports medicine support, and athlete development programmes.

Sports
- Athletics
- Billiard Sports
- Fencing
- Gymnastics
- Karatedo
- Rowing
- Rugby Sevens
- Sailing
- Skating
- Squash
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Tenpin Bowling
- Triathlon
- Wushu
Tier B Sports

Criteria
- All sports (including non-Asian and Olympic Games) with an EVSS score between 7.5 and 10 points.

Level of Support
- The funding and support level is worked out with the respective National Sports Associations depending on individual circumstances.

Sports
- Dance Sports
- Golf
- Lawn Bowls
- Orienteering
- Taekwondo
- Dragon Boat
- Judo
- Life Saving
- Roller Sports
- Equestrian
- Kart
- Mountaineering
- Shuttlecock

Team-Only Sports
Additional funding is provided to eight Asian Games team-only sports (with a team size of 5 or above) which meet the funding criteria under the “Five-year Development Programme for Team-Only Sports 2018-2023.” Supported sports include baseball, basketball, handball, hockey, ice hockey, softball, volleyball and water polo, which receive additional resources to enhance the training programmes of the Hong Kong representative teams and provide funding support to the team members.

Disability Sports
The Elite Training Programme for Athletes with Disabilities provides financial support to the Hong Kong Sports Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability and the Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled to implement their elite training programmes. In 2017, the Government launched a pilot scheme for “Elite Vote Support System for Disability Sports” to provide funding support to elite sports for the disabled to establish a more systematic support system. The Scheme covers seven sports in two categories, comprising Tier A sports (boccia, swimming, table tennis and wheelchair fencing) and Tier B sports (badminton, lawn bowls and tenpin bowling), based on their past performance and standards.
Collaborative Approach to Support HKSI Scholarship Athletes

The HKSI’s athlete-centred elite training system provides holistic support targeting all aspects of the athletes’ physiological, psychological, social and personal development needs.

The backbone of the HKSI’s elite training system is the Sports Scholarship Scheme, which comprises a comprehensive support system for high performance athletes to pursue international success. The Scheme offers different levels of support to eligible athletes in Tier A sports (including secondary disciplines), as well as to outstanding individual athletes in Olympic Games and Asian Games sports, and athletes with disabilities who meet the funding criteria, based on their past performance. Currently, over 1,300 Scholarship Athletes are supported by the HKSI in three categories: Elite Athletes, Junior Athletes and Potential Athletes.
Systematic Elite Training Programme

The success of athletes depends on a systematic training approach, in which expert coaching is one of the key elements. The HKSI works in close collaboration with the Tier A sports in employing international-standard, high performance coaches. Led by a head coach, each coaching department comprises a team, who plans, designs, implements and evaluates the elite training programme to bring out athletes’ full potential.

Diversified Financial Support

Sustained funding support plays a pivotal role in providing elite athletes with a financially stable environment to facilitate an uninterrupted focus on training and international competition. The Elite Athletes Development Fund provides the HKSI with a stable, long-term source of funding. Financial support is provided for Scholarship Athletes and other athletes who meet the eligibility criteria under four schemes: the Elite Training Grant, the Sports Aid Grant, the Sports Aid Grant for Athletes with Disabilities, and the Individual Athletes Support Scheme. In addition, competition incentives, education subsidies and retirement grants are provided through other programmes.
Six Centres Specialising in Elite Training Science & Technology

The HKSI’s Elite Training Science & Technology Division comprises six centres. They work as a team to identify any training issues or concerns, and develop evidence-based solutions with the coaches to optimise the athletes’ performance.

**Sport Biomechanics & Technology Centre**

Provides measurement and analysis of sporting skills, as well as evidence-based feedback to coaches and athletes on technique improvement to enhance the athletes’ skills.

**Sport Nutrition Monitoring Centre**

Optimises athletes’ performance through the application of the latest nutrition research to ensure they are fuelled optimally for training, recovery and competition.

**Sport Psychology Centre**

Cooperates with coaches to facilitate athletes’ performance in both training and competition from a psychological perspective. Both group and individual services are provided, including on-field support.

**Scientific Conditioning Centre**

Optimises athletes’ performance by improving their cardiovascular system, power, strength, speed, agility and mobility, thus enabling them to perform to their fullest potential through science-based strength and conditioning programmes.

The Centre also organises talent identification programmes in partnership with National Sports Associations to identify and verify potential talent.
The HKSI provides comprehensive, science-based support in sports science, sports medicine, psychology, nutrition, and strength and conditioning to formulate elite training programmes for athletes and improve their performance.

Sports Medicine Centre
Provides Scholarship Athletes with a range of medical support services, such as physical examinations, general clinic services, orthopaedic consultations, physiotherapy, Chinese manual therapy, rehabilitative training, therapeutic exercise and sports massage.

Sports Information & External Affairs Centre
Collects, collates and analyses current trends and developments, both local and overseas, to support the planning and implementation of elite training programmes and initiatives.
Whole-Person Development of Athletes

In addition to elite training and financial assistance, the HKSI’s integrated support system caters for all aspects of the athletes’ academic, vocational, social and personal development needs.

Dual Career Development

To foster dual career pathway opportunities for the athletes, the HKSI collaborates with partnership secondary schools and tertiary institutions to provide the athletes with flexible study programmes.

Lifestyle Support & Personal Development

The HKSI provides athletes with free accommodation, nutritious meals, hostel activities, tutorial support, coaching apprenticeship and overseas exchange opportunities. It also offers assistance in handling media interviews, and activity and sponsorship invitations from the public and commercial organisations.
The HKSI works in close collaboration with governments, sports leaders and counterpart institutions from around the world to stay at the forefront of global trends in elite sports development, athlete training, coaching science and sports management.

**Collaboration with Counterpart Institutions**

The HKSI has been working in partnership with many of its overseas and Mainland counterparts in recent years to enhance its elite training and support system, in order to provide athletes with an environment in which they can develop to pursue excellence in the international sporting arena.

**International Representation**

To drive elite sports development, HKSI staff participate as members of committees, consultants, etc. in various international bodies, and are invited to lectures, workshops and training sessions by their international academic and institutional counterparts.

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**Coach Education**

The HKSI’s Coach Education Department is responsible for implementing the Coach Education Programme in Hong Kong on behalf of the Hong Kong Coaching Committee. Funded by The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust since November 2015, the Programme encompasses the following three main components:

**Elite Coaching Development Programmes**

Provides an academic, conferencing and seminar platform to drive international sports exchange to ensure that elite coaches develop the latest skills they need.

**Coaching Accreditation Programmes**

Offers professional training to coaches at all levels, from community to elite, including certification programmes accredited by the Qualifications Framework, as well as workshops, seminars and other short-term coach education and recognition programmes.

**Community Education and Coach Recognition Programme**

Organises seminars for public participation to promote coaching as a professional career in the community, and annual award presentations to recognise the contribution of coaches to developing sports at the elite, community and school levels.
World Class Training Venues

The HKSI Headquarters in Fo Tan are equipped with an array of world-class, barrier-free elite training facilities. Off-site training venues are also provided for some of the sports to cater for their specific needs.

On-site Training Venues

Athletics, Badminton, Billiard Sports, Fencing, Karatedo, Rowing, Rugby Sevens, Squash, Swimming, Table Tennis, Tennis, Tenpin Bowling, Triathlon and Wushu.
Off-site Training Venues

Cycling, Gymnastics, Sailing, Skating, Triathlon and Windsurfing.
Quotes from Hong Kong Athletes

**Lee Lai-shan**
Gold medallist in windsurfing at the 1996 Olympic Games

> Always try your best at what you do. Don’t rely on talent alone; you should always try very hard, so you have no regrets.

**Ko Lai-chak, Li Ching**
Silver medallists in table tennis at the 2004 Olympic Games

> Ko: Confidence cannot guarantee success; but without it, you will end up in failure.
> Li: Don’t chase vanity, don’t give up.

**Lee Wai-sze**
Bronze medallist in cycling at the 2012 Olympic Games

> Your wholehearted effort will definitely lead to success!

**Ng Ka-long**
Hong Kong badminton representative at the 2016 Olympic Games

> Never surrender to setbacks, and opportunity will arise.
Ng On-yeex
Billiard sports world champion

“If you believe it, you can achieve it.”

Cheung Ka-long
Fencing world junior champion and Asian champion

“You only fail when you stop trying.”

Wong Chun-ting
Hong Kong table tennis representative at the 2016 Olympic Games

“Standing still means falling behind. Progression reflects your own value.”

Wu Siu-hong
Tenpin bowling world champion

“Once the goal is set, strive for it and never give up even encountering difficulties.”

Yu Chui-yee
Winner of seven Paralympic gold medals

“Win with exuberance, but embrace defeat with serenity.”
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