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**Report of General Committee** 

For the Year Ended 31st March 2024

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The General Committee has pleasure in presenting their report for the year ended 31st March 2024.

## **Membership**

Over the past year, the Association has experienced steady growth in membership, a reflection of our expanding range of programs and activities designed to engage diverse audiences. With the introduction of various initiatives, programmes and events, we have successfully attracted new members and retained existing ones, culminating in a total membership of 2,311 individuals. This includes 1,359 adults and 952 juniors, highlighting our commitment to fostering a vibrant

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community that caters to all age groups. As we continue to innovate and expand our programmes and activities, we are excited about the potential for further growth and the chance to enhance the experiences of our members, creating a supportive environment that encourages collaboration and engagement among all.

## Highlight

In accordance with the regulations set forth by the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, all National Sports Associations must incorporate the phrase "Hong Kong, China" (「中國香港」 in Chinese) into their Association name if they wish to continue representing Hong Kong in international sports competitions and activities.

The Association has passed a special resolution to change its name from "Hong Kong Squash 香港壁球總會" to "Squash Association of Hong Kong, China 中國香港壁球總會." This change is subject to the approval of the Registrar of Companies and was approved at the General Meeting held on 19 May 2023. The application for this name change was successfully completed and received approval from the Registrar of Companies, effective 31 May 2023. The new Association logo was also updated on that date.

Hong Kong has emerged as a prominent host for international squash events, having successfully staged two major competitions: the "Asian Squash Individual Championships 2023" and the "TTI Milwaukee Hong Kong Squash Open 2023." Additionally, two Asian Junior Super Series events were held. The success of these international events has solidified Hong Kong's position as a global destination for squash in the post-pandemic era, and we look forward to continuing our commitment to the sport and its passionate community.

The Asian Individual Championships, the first of their kind held in Hong Kong on 6-10 June 2023, featured home fans witnessing Chan Sin Yuk crowned Asian Champion after defeating the 5/8 seed Malaysian player Sivasangari Subramaniam with a score of 11-1 in the fifth game. Furthermore, Leung Chi Hin Henry and Ho Tze Lok Tomato earned bronze medals. Team Hong Kong, China concluded the championships with one gold and two bronze medals on home soil.

Title-sponsored by TTI Milwaukee and sanctioned by the Cultural, Sports & Tourism Bureau as one of the "M Mark" events, the "TTI Milwaukee Hong Kong Squash Open 2023" returned on 27 November – 3 December 2023 as a PSA World Tour Platinum event to an outdoor venue after a decade. This event featured a new 5-sided ASB Show Glass Court, made possible through the generous donation from The Hong Kong Jockey Club Charities Trust, located at Cultural Plaza, Xiqu Centre, Tsim Sha Tsui. The event showcased top squash players from around the world and concluded with two thrilling matches. Hundreds of squash enthusiasts witnessed Egyptian player Hania El Hammamy successfully defend her championship title after USA's Amanda Sohby retired, while Paul Coll from New Zealand upset the top-seeded Egyptian Ali Farag to claim the title.

#### **Tournaments**

### Senior - International Tournaments

Supported by the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau, Arts & Sports Development Fund, and backed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, the "KCC PSA Challenge Cup 2 2023" had been held at the Kowloon Cricket Club from 26-30 September 2023. This tournament,



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featuring individual events for 24 men and 24 women, was recognized as one of the PSA Challenger Tour 6 events. Our local favorite Matthew Lai and Cheng Nga Ching both crowned in Men's and Women's events.

To provide more opportunity for our upcoming young elite athletes, two new PSA Challenge Tour events, namely "Hong Kong Squash PSA Challenge Cup 2024 1st Leg (6K) and 2nd Leg (9K)" were held in two consecutive weeks of January 2024 respectively. Wong Chi Him and Tse Yee Lam Toby both crowned in Men's and Women's title in the 1st leg while Lai Cheuk Nam Matthew and Malaysian Chan Yiwen captured the champion of 2<sup>nd</sup> leg.

Being one of the World Squash Federation Masters Tour events, organized by the Hong Kong Football Club and sanctioned by the Association, the "Hong Kong Masters Open 2023" was 郭文煒太平紳士 Football Club and sanctioned by the Association, the "Hong Kong Masters Open 2023" was 郭文煒太平紳士 successfully concluded at Hong Kong Football Club on 1 - 4 June 2023 which had attracted lots of overseas masters' players to join.

### Senior - Local Tournaments

A variety of local tournaments were organized to cater to players of different skill levels who had eagerly awaited their matches on the court. With the continuous support of the Leisure & Cultural Services Department, the "Hong Kong Squash Championships 2023" had attracted 270 players to compete in Men's A, B, C, D, Women's A, B, Master A, B, C, D, E and Women's Master on 11 -22 June 2023, plus the Men's and Women's Championship titles on 23 - 28 October 2023. Lau Tsz Kwan successfully defend his title, and Lee Ka Yi crowned once again after her victory in 2021.

The "Hong Kong Squash Cup 2023" took place from 17 - 23 September 2023. This event attracted the participation of over 200 players participating in 6 categories.

To provide more opportunities for squash enthusiasts to compete in a team setting with their friends, the "Hong Kong Squash Team Championships 2024" was organized in February 2024. A total of 20 teams with 100 players participated in this event, with Fusion Squash Club emerging as the champions.

### Junior – International Tournaments

After a three-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the highly anticipated and prestigious "Hong Kong Junior Squash Open 2023", the biggest international junior squash tournament in town, returned on 1 - 5 August 2023. Subvented by Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau (Art and Sports Development Fund), and fully supported by Leisure & Cultural Services Department and Watsons Water, this "AJSS Platinum event" attracted over 700 players from 17 countries and regions, setting a record entry to participate in this highest-ranked junior event in Asia. All players from 12 different age divisions performed with their best effort to compete for the honor and witnessed Tse Yee Lam Toby claiming the Champion in the Girl's Under 19 events. Champions of all age divisions:

Boys Under 19 - Chuah Joachim (Malaysia)

Girls Under 19 - Tse Yee Lam Toby (Hong Kong, China)

Boys Under 17 - Ryu Jeonguk (Korea)

Girls Under 17 - Kwong Ena (Hong Kong, China)

Boys Under 15 - Oon Jayden (Malaysia)

Girls Under 15 - Tang Helen (Hong Kong, China)

Boys Under 13 - Yuen Tsz Long (Hong Kong, China)



Girls Under 11 - Yang Sihan (Hong Kong, China) Boys Under 11 - Kayvern Arthur (Malaysia)

Girls Under 9 - Liao Xiaotongyu (China)

Boys Under 9 - Leung Ngo San (Hong Kong, China)

Girls Under 13 - Manivannan Jinoreeka Ning (Malaysia)

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Cultural Services Department and Watsons Water, another "AJSS Platinum event," the "HKFC EVISU International Junior Squash Open 2023" was successfully held on 26 - 30 December 2023 at the Hong Kong Football Club and Hong Kong Squash Centre. Over 500 potential squash juniors from 11 countries and regions witnessed Leung Ka Huen claim her first GU19

Sponsored by the Hong Kong Football Club and EVISU Group Limited, subvented by the Culture,

Sports, and Tourism Bureau (Arts & Sport Development Fund), and supported by the Leisure &

championship in this event. Champions of all age divisions:

Boys Under 19 – Kim Kun (Korea)

Girls Under 19 - Leung Ka Huen (Hong Kong, China)

Boys Under 17 - Makino Renshi (Japan)

Girls Under 17 - Kwong Ena (Hong Kong, China)

Boys Under 15 - Huang Sidney Victor (Hong Kong, China)

Girls Under 15 – Lo Pui Yin Chloe (Hong Kong, China)

Boys Under 13 - Wong Ho Kiu (Hong Kong, China) Girls Under 13 – Chung Ka Yau (Hong Kong, China)

Boys Under 11 - Cho Nicholas Min-Suh (Hong Kong, China)

Girls Under 11 – Luo Wan Hei (Hong Kong, China)

Boys Under 9 - Jung Wai Chun (Hong Kong, China)

Girls Under 9 - Balamurugan Kavilaasri (Malaysia)

### Junior - Local Tournaments

In addition to the international events, the Association organizes four junior tournaments to provide young players with opportunities to showcase their skills and compete against their peers.

Subvented by the Leisure & Cultural Service Department, the "Hong Kong Junior Squash Ranking Tournament 2023" were successfully held on 15 - 30 April 2023, with 504 participants across 12 categories included Boys and Girls Under 19, 17, 15, 13, 11, 9. Winners of the 12 categories:

BU19 - Lo Chun Yu Kelvin

GU19 – Tse Yee Lam Toby

BU17 - Cheng Justin Hong-chen

GU17 – Cheung Tsz Ching

BU15 - Law Cyrus Pak Ho

GU15 - Tang Helen

BU13 - Yeung Tsung Chit Karson

GU13 - Chung Ka Yau

BU11 - Alexander Pudwill

GU11 - Luo Wan Hei

BU9 - Leung Ngo San

GU9 – Chiu Hau Yi Abby

The inaugural "Hong Kong Junior Squash Cup 2023" was also subvented by the Leisure & Cultural Services Department and supported by the Hong Kong Cricket Club and Blade Squash International held on 22 June - 2 July 2023, featured 483 players competing in 12 categories.



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Winners of the 12 categories:

BU19 - Lai Long Ching

GU19 - Tam Cho Nga Mariko

BU17 - Hau Timothy

GU17 – Au Ling Yu

BU15 - Haung Sidney Victor

GU15 - Chung Yee Ling Elaine

BU13 - Yuen Tsz Long

GU13 – Li Ka Man

BU11 - Pudwill Alexander

GU11 - Luo Wan Hei

BU 9 - Leung Ngo San

GU 9 - Cheung Hiu Man

Subvented by the Leisure & Cultural Services Department and supported by Powerway Sports (HK) Limited and Watsons Water, the "Hong Kong Junior Squash Challenge Competition 2023" was successfully held on 9 September - 8 October 2023 with 499 players competing in 12 categories. Winners of the 12 categories:

BU19 - Law Arthur Pak Ki

GU19 - Tse Yee Lam Toby

BU17 – Wong Long Hin Larry

GU17 - Tang Helen

BU15 - Haung Sidney Victor

GU15 - Lo Pui Yin Chloe

BU13 – Wong Ho Kiu

GU13 - Chung Ka Yau

BU11 - Pudwill Alexander

GU11 - Yang Sihan

BU 9 - Leung Ngo San

GU 9 - Lau Sze Tung

With the full support of the Leisure & Cultural Service Department, the "Hong Kong Junior Squash Championships 2023" were completed on 28 October - 12 November 2023, with 482 junior squash players competing for the titles in 12 categories. Winners of the 12 categories:

BU19 – Tam Tsz Shing

GU19 - Kwong Ena

BU17 - Wong Long Hin Larry

GU17 - Chung Yee Ling Elaine

BU15 – Haung Sidney Victor

GU15 - Lo Pui Yin Chloe

BU13 – Yuen Tsz Long

GU13 - Chung Ka Yau

BU11 - Tse Ka Chun

GU11 - Yang Sihan

BU9 - Lui Parkson Bryan

GU9 - Lau Sze Tung

### Junior - Inter-school Competitions

With the support of the HK Schools Sports Federation, the HKSSF Inter-Primary School Team Competition 2023/24 took place in October 2023, with 237 students from 30 schools



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participating.

Additionally, 204 students from 57 schools competed in the HKSSF Inter-Secondary School Individual Tournament in the same month, followed by 22 school teams competing in the HKSSF Inter-Secondary School Team Competition in February 2024.

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Furthermore, three local school competitions were organized under the LCSD Schools Sports Programmes in the year, attracting an additional 800 students from various schools.

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Charles Andrew Ellis

## Squash League

League players are gradually regaining their competitive momentum. The Summer League proved Tony Kwok, SBS, IDS, JP to be a significant attraction, drawing over 1,000 players across 10 divisions. The 2023/24 Summer League was scheduled from June to September 2023 and comprised a total of 141 teams.

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In October 2023, the 2023/24 Squash League commenced with robust participation, featuring 204 teams and nearly 2,000 league players competing in close to 2,000 matches across 19 divisions, in addition to 3 masters divisions and 3 ladies divisions.

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## Coaching

To promote squash in schools, the "Fujifilm Mini-squash Instructor Course" was conducted in September 2023, introducing basic squash skills and knowledge to 18 primary school teachers. Additionally, a "WSF Level 1 Coaching Course" was held to cultivate more qualified coaches, with a total of 20 experienced squash enthusiasts admitted, 18 of whom successfully passed the course.

Furthermore, the "Hong Kong Squash Coaching Seminar 2023" attracted 90 squash coaches. This seminar served as a platform for coaches to refresh their sports-related knowledge and enhance their squash-specific skills. Professional sports physiotherapists and experienced coaches were invited to share their expertise.

In recognition of coaching excellence, the "Hong Kong Squash Coaches Awards 2023" presented a total of 21 Coaching Excellence Awards, 5 Squash Club Recognition Awards, and 13 School Coach Recognition Awards.

### Junior Development

The Association believes that a well-structured junior development system is essential for nurturing future squash stars. Over the year, the Association received a generous subvention of approximately HK\$9.15 million from the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) to support its annual junior development programs. These programs included the Fujifilm Mini-squash Scheme (Training Course, Competition, Awards Scheme, and Parental Fun Day), Fujifilm Mini-squash Carnival Day (a community carnival), Fujifilm Easy Mini-squash Schools Scheme (Mini-squash Instructor Course, School Roadshow, School Team Training, Inter-school Team Competition), LCSD School Sports Programme (Easy Sport Training Course, Outreaching Coaching Course for both non-school teams and school teams, Joint School Training Centre, Inter-school Individual Competitions), Squash Talent Foundation Programme (intermediate, refinement, and advanced training courses for talent recruitment, Novice Competition), Young



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Athletes Squash Training Scheme (training centers throughout the territory), Regional Squad Training, RST Plus, and the HKS Junior Awards Scheme. All these programs operated at full capacity and maintained high standards in both quantity and quality.

In a similar vein, the Happy Squash Kindergarten Play In Scheme, now known as the LCSD Let's Move @Preschool, became part of the LCSD Schools Sports Program. A total of 30 classes from 20 schools successfully participated in this initiative.

The Fujifilm Mini-squash Scheme remained a cornerstone program for primary school students. The annual Mini-Squash Carnival returned to the outdoor piazza of Kowloon Park after a decade on 17 March 2024, concluding the year-long program with great success. Over 3,000 children and parents attended the carnival.

The Hong Kong Junior Squash Award Scheme, which assesses the skills of junior players, took place quarterly, evaluating a total of 1,025 juniors. Approximately 52% of them, or 535 participants, met the requirements for various award levels.

To provide international exposure, two overseas exchange programs were organized for potential junior players. In collaboration with the Squash Racquet Association of Malaysia, a group of 15 regional squad players participated in the RST Overseas Training Camp held in Kuala Lumpur in early December 2023. Another 7-day youth exchange program was organized with the Squash Racquets Association of Malaysia in February 2024, during which twelve junior players traveled to Kuala Lumpur to train and compete in test matches against Malaysian national junior athletes, as well as to visit sports clubs and explore historical and cultural sites in Malaysia.

## Elite Performance

#### **Seniors**

The 19th Asian Games, Hangzhou (26 Sep - 5 Oct 2023)

Singles

Team Hong Kong, China returned with three medals. In the women's event, Ho Tze Lok secured a bronze medal after being defeated by Chan Sin Yuk in the semifinals with a score of 0-3. Chan Sin Yuk progressed to the final, where she narrowly lost to Malaysia's Sivasangari Subramaniam, earning the silver medal with a score of 10-12 in the fifth game. In the Men's Singles event, Henry Leung faced compatriot Lau Tsz Kwan in the quarterfinals. Leung won in straight games, advancing to the semifinals, but was ultimately defeated by Saurav Ghosal from India, settling for the bronze medal.

Mixed Doubles Events

The mixed doubles pair of Wong Chi Him and Lee Ka Yi achieved a significant milestone by winning the first Asian Games mixed doubles bronze medal. They were defeated by the championship duo from Team India, Dipika Pallikal Karthik and Harinder Sandhu, with a score of 1-2 (11-7, 7-11, 9-11). This marked the inaugural inclusion of mixed doubles as an official event in squash at the Hangzhou Asian Games.

#### **Team**

The Hong Kong, China Women's Team captured the silver medal, while the Men's Team secured the bronze medal at the Asian Games held in Hangzhou. The Women's Team comprised Chan Sin Yuk, Ho Tze Lok, Lee Ka Yi, and Tong Tsz Wing, while the Men's Team included Lau Tsz



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Kwan, Henry Leung, Tang Ming Hong, and Wong Chi Him.

# WSF Men's World Team Championships 2023 (11 – 17 Dec 2023)

The Men's Team from Hong Kong, China concluded the Men's World Team Championship in Tauranga, New Zealand, finishing in 9th place. The team consisted of Lau Tsz Kwan, Henry Leung, Tang Ming Hong, and Wong Chi Him.

# PSA World Tour / Challenger Tour Events / World Rankings

On the individual front, some elite athletes achieved victories on the overseas PSA World Tour or Challenger Tour events. The most impressive result is Ho Tze Lok Tomato demonstrating her determination to reach to the Top 4 at the Australian Open (PSA World Tour Bronze event) held Tony Kwok, SBS, IDS, JP in March 2024 in Sydney, Australia. Lau Tsz Kwan Alex performed consistently in the Manitoba Open - PSA Challenger Tour 15 event held in Canada in March 2024 to win the 1st runner-up while Tong Tsz Wing won the 1st runner-up at the Van Lawn Open - another Challenger Tour 15 event held in Canada at the same time. Cheng Nga Ching finished at the 2<sup>nd</sup> runner-up for the Vikram Goyal SRFI Open - 10K event in April 2023 in India while Tang Ming Hong and Wong Chi Him also captured the co-third in a PSA 10K event in May 2023 in Japan. Ho Kai Hei, Lam Yat Ting Harley and Lam Shing Fung won the 1st runner-up and co-third in the same PSA Challenger Tour 6 event in Australia in August 2023.

Notably, several players made significant improvements in their PSA world rankings in the year, with Lau Tsz Kwan reaching top 40 for the first time, Henry Leung at WR48, Tang Ming Hong at WR79, Wong Chi Him at WR88, Matthew Lai at WR94, Ho Tze Lok achieving her career-high at WR21, Chan Sin Yuk at WR37, Tong Tsz Wing at WR37, Lee Ka Yi at WR41, Cheng Nga Ching at WR61, and Fung Ching Hei at WR83. These advancements reflect their excellent progress in elite training and development.

### **Juniors**

# The 30th Asian Junior Individual Championships 2023 (16 - 20 Aug 2023)

Team Hong Kong, China achieved remarkable success in Dalian, China, securing one championship, one silver medal, and five bronze medals. In the Girls Under 15 event, our talented player Tang Helen, the top seed, faced a tough challenge in the final against the second seed and previous GU13 champion, Harleein Tan. Helen took an early lead by winning the first two games, but Tan fought back to win the next two. After adjusting her strategy, Helen showcased great resilience, ultimately winning the AJIC title with a score of 3-2 (11-8, 11-8, 8-11, 3-11, 13-11) in a thrilling 54-minute match. In the Girls Under 17 event, Kwong Ena, the second seed and previous U15 silver medalist, faced her familiar opponent, the top-seeded Indian player Anahat Singh, in the final. Despite a strong performance, Kwong Ena was unable to secure victory and finished as the runner-up with a score of 1-3 (5-11, 6-11, 11-6, 9-11). Medal Summary as follows:

- Girls Under 15 Gold: Tang Helen
- Girls Under 17 Silver: Kwong Ena
- Girls Under 19 Bronze: Tse Yee Lam Toby - Girls Under 17 Bronze: Cheung Tsz Ching
- Girls Under 15 Bronze: Lo Pui Yin Chloe
- Boys Under 13 Bronze: Yuen Tsz Long
- Girls Under 13 Bronze: Li Ka Man



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# WSF World Junior Championships 2023 (18 – 29 Jul 2023)

### Individual

Hong Kong, China players Toby Tse and Ena Kwong reached an all-Hong Kong final in the Special Plate event, with Ena outplaying her teammate to win the championship, while Toby finished as the 1st runner-up. Leung Ka Huen and Wai Sze Wing both finished in 9th/16th place in the main draw. In the boys' event, Tam Tsz Shing, Law Arther Pak Ki, Lo Chun Yu Kelvin, and Tse Jat finished in 50th, 51st, 68th, and 73rd places, respectively, out of 109 players.

### Team

The Hong Kong, China Girls Team finished the tournament in 5th place out of 14 teams. The team, consisting of Ena Kwong, Leung Ka Huen, Wai Sze Wing, and Toby Tse, secured three 郭文煒太平紳士 team, consisting of Ena Kwong, Leung Ka Huen, Wai Sze Wing, and Toby Tse, secured three wins in the group stage and advanced to the knockout stage. In their match against Team England, they were defeated with a score of 1-2, concluding their journey with a respectable 5th place finish.

## **International Junior Opens**

Our junior players also showcased their talents at the "Penang Junior Open 2023" from 20 - 25 June 2023. Team Hong Kong, China delivered an exceptional performance, bringing home two gold medals, one silver medal, and one bronze medal. In the GU15 final, Hong Kong's Tang Helen and Lo Pui Yin Chloe faced each other, with Helen emerging victorious in straight games to claim the title, while Chloe secured second place. In the GU17 event, Cheung Tsz Ching defeated her opponent, Doyce Lee Ye San from Malaysia, in the final to win the championship, with Ena Kwong capturing third place.

Later, at the "Kuala Lumpur Junior Open 2023" held in December 2023, Team Hong Kong, China achieved remarkable success, bringing home four golds, two silvers, and one bronze. Hong Kong players featured in all-Hong Kong finals in the Boys Under 13 and Girls Under 17 events. In the Boys Under 13 final, Yuen Tsz Long defeated Wong Ho Kiu to claim the title, while Wong secured second place. Tang Helen also outplayed Cheung Tsz Ching in the Girls Under 17 final to win the championship, with Cheung finishing second. Additionally, Leung Ngo San and Yang Si Han won the championships in the Boys Under 9 and Girls Under 11 events, respectively, while Chung Ka Yau claimed third place in the Girls Under 13 event.

### Rules & Regulations

The Association is committed to nurturing local referees to foster the development of squash and enhance the hosting of tournaments in Hong Kong. Several initiatives have been organized to support referee development.

A total of ten Referee Refresher Clinics were conducted by the Association and private sports clubs, benefiting 362 league players with updates on the latest squash rules. Additionally, a two-day Hong Kong Squash Referee Course was held in July, with 17 squash enthusiasts participating. The Hong Kong Squash Referee Seminar provided a platform for 24 referees to exchange ideas and share their experiences.

From June 2023 to January 2024, eight Referee Refresher Clinics were organized, attracting nearly 289 league players who sought to enhance their knowledge of squash rules. In July 2023, another Hong Kong Squash Referee Course took place, with 17 participants, 11 of whom successfully qualified as Grade C referees. In March 2024, 30 referees attended the Hong Kong



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Squash Referee Seminar, which included the Referee Annual Dinner and the inaugural Referee Recognition Awards. Six referees were honored for their long service and contributions to referee development over the past year.

Our Association continues to collaborate with the World Squash Officiating (WSO) and the Asian Squash Federation (ASF) to develop local referees and facilitate their attainment of world and/or Asian qualifications. Anthony So achieved the status of WSO Level 4 Referee this year, while four other local referees-Amos Yuen, Pinky Li, Winnie So, and Kevin Chan-met the ASF requirements and qualified as ASF Regional Referees.

## Community Squash Club

Community Squash Clubs play a vital role in fostering public interest in the sport within local communities. Despite intermittent suspensions during certain periods, 25 out of 33 clubs conducted a total of 93 activity programs. Some clubs also provided volunteer services to assist the Association in organizing squash promotional activities in the community.

Furthermore, the "Squash Together Community Programme" continued to serve underprivileged communities, providing access to squash. In collaboration with the Po Leung Kuk Shek Kep Mei Community Services Centre, over 20 children enrolled in the program to enjoy the sport in February 2024.

Additionally, a new initiative, the "Squash 57 Trial Programme," was introduced this year, aimed at offering an alternative form of squash using a larger, bouncier ball and a shorter racket. This program is designed to make the sport more accessible for beginners and recreational players. A total of six courses were conducted, with 45 participants taking part, and the feedback received was overwhelmingly positive.

### **Finance**

This year 2023/24 with the full resumption of our events and activities, our income for the year increased considerably, and we were able to achieve a very healthy annual income surplus of HK\$2,026,767 compared to last year's HK\$1,366,161 (an extra of HK\$660,606). The extra income compared to last year was mainly due to the Asian Individual Championship held in June 2023 which we won the bid to host the event. In addition, we also experienced an increase in membership fees, Government matching funds' surplus, sponsorships and donations. As a result, accumulated funds increased to HK\$12,728,527 which gives us a strong base of reserves to support our future development initiatives and to deal with any contingencies or one-off expenditure needs that may arise in the future. Our administrative expenses increased by 8.5% which is in line with the extra activities held during the year.

Our balance sheet remains healthy. We do have a higher account receivable than last year which was due to government matching funds for major events not yet received as at the balance sheet There are no recovery concerns and hence no bad debt provision was required. Our cash flows remain healthy as well, with government funding, sponsorship and subscriptions generally received in advance of our operating expenditures, and we continue to manage our financial affairs prudently and only take on activities that we can reasonably afford.

The continued financial support from government bodies, commercial sponsors and private benefactors has made a huge contribution to the success of squash in Hong Kong over the years and has enabled us to operate from a secure financial footing and is greatly appreciated.



2022 Samson Sportsmanship Shield (Sportsmanship)

Asian Squash Federation Coaching Awards 2023: -

ASF Coaches Certificate of Recognition - Simon Yeung Ho Wai

Awards & Honours

Wong Po Yui Kirstie

Law Pak Ki Arthur

2022 Philip Lee Award (Achievement)

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2023 Jockey Club Hong Kong Coaching Awards:

Coaching Excellence Awards: Dick Leung Kan Fai, Elise Ng Jia Yunn, Faheem Khan, Max Lee Ho Yin

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Hong Kong Squash Coaching Awards 2023 -

Category	Name of Recipients
Coaching Excellence Award (21)	Chan Siu Sing, Cheng Kenny Kin Yin, Ho Ka Po,
	Ho Shuk Yi, Kwok Man Wai Joseph, Kwong Yu
	Shun Anson, Lau Siu Nam, Leung Kan Fai Dick, Lo
	Ho Yin Terry, Ma Tsz Hei, Man Tsz Kit Ray, Seung
	Wai Ching, Shum Hin Yeung, Wong King Ngo,
	Wong King Yeung, Wong Ip Hing Paul, Wong
	Kwok Tung Angelo, Yeung Ho Wai Simon, Yim Gi
	Ping, Yip Ho Lun Danny, Lau Siu Wai Dick (Senior
	Category)
Squash Club Coach Recognition Award (5)	Cheung Wai Ching, Lau Wun Cheung Lily, Lai Ka
	Kit, Lau Siu Nam, Yeung Ho Wai Simon
School Coach Recognition Award (13)	Chan Po Sing, Chan Shui Lun Wilson, Chan Siu
	Sing, Choi Wing Yiu John, Chow Tat Chi, Lai Chun
	Ming, Lau Kwai Hong, Man Kin Cheong, Wong Ip
	Hing, Wong Kwok Tung Angelo, Yeung Ho Wai
	Simon, Yeung Nga Hei

Hong Kong Squash Recognition Award 2022 in recognition of his great contribution to the development of refereeing and coaching in Hong Kong: -Fayyaz Mohammad

Hong Kong Sayash Referee Recognition Awards 2023: -

Category	Name of Recipients
Coaching Excellence Award (25)	Anthony So Fuk Chi, Amos Yuen Wing Keung, Pinky Li Wing Shan, Harold Low Yiu Keung, Winnie So, Kevin Chan Ping Him

# International Federation Appointments

World Squash Federation:

WSF Continental Vice-President - Mr. David Mui, MH, JP WSF Disciplinary Commission Member - Mr. Cedric Tyen



WSF Championships Commission Member - Ms. Emily Mak

ASF Regional Referee Assessors - Mr. Anthony So, Mr. Amos Yuen, Mr. Andrew Ho

in Asia is raised because of the in-depth involvement in the Federation's operation.

ASF Regional Referees - Mr. Amos Yuen, Mr. Chan Ping Him, Ms. Pinky Li, Ms. Winnie So

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ASF Assistant Secretary General - Ms. Emily Mak

ASF Referees Committee Member - Mr. Anthony So

EASF Vice President – Mr. Paul Ng

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Chinese Squash Association:

Honorary Vice-Chairman - Mr. David Mui, MH, JP

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Duncan Chiu Chairman