Redevelopment Project of the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI)

The HKSI premises, located at Yuen Wo Road, Fo Tan, Sha Tin, were first built in early 1982. In his 2006-07 Policy Address, the Chief Executive announced the redevelopment of the HKSI to provide world-class training facilities to elite athletes in Hong Kong. A total of about \$1.8 billion had been granted for this purpose. Key milestones of the redevelopment project are highlighted below –

Date	Description
Oct 2006	The Chief Executive announced that the Government had earmarked funding to embark on the HKSI redevelopment.
Jun 2008	The Public Works Sub-Committee of Finance Committee of the Legislative Council endorsed the HKSI redevelopment project. The Finance Committee of the Legislative Council approved the funding for the main works of the Project.
Mar 2009	The Ground Breaking Ceremony, officiated by the Secretary for Home Affairs (SHA), was held at the HKSI Fo Tan venue, which marked the commencement of construction works of the redevelopment project. Phase one works, including the refurbishment of the existing indoor sports complex and the construction of a temporary velodrome at Whitehead, are planned to complete in the first quarter of 2010.
Nov 2009	A site visit was arranged for the SHA, and members of the Sports Commission and Elite Sports Committee, where they were updated with the latest progress of the redevelopment project.
May 2010	Officiated by the SHA, the HKSI Soft Opening was held on 31 May 2010 at the HKSI Fo Tan venue, together with more than 100 guests from the Government, Sha Tin District Council, sports sector, sponsors, partners, elite athletes, coaches and media, to celebrate the soft opening of the HKSI and tour the upgraded and expanded facilities.
Jan 2011	The Chief Executive visited the HKSI headquarters at Fo Tan to view the upgraded facilities and understand progress of the construction works.
Jul 2011	The HKSI Redevelopment Project Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony, officiated by the Chief Executive, was held on 25 July.



Overview of the Redeveloped HKSI Facilities

New 9 Storey Multi-purpose Building



> Key features of the new building

The 9-storey Multi-purpose Building will be the icon of the HKSI after Redevelopment. Standing as the tallest structure at the main entrance, it symbolizes the growing dynamism of elite sports development in Hong Kong. It provides integrated facilities for elite sports administration, conferences for international exchanges, athletes hostel and sports residences for visitors.

Functions and facilities

The functions and facilities are as follows:

- 1. Offices and Board Room;
- 2. Lecture Theatre with 400 seats and activity rooms;
- 3. Restaurant for 400 persons;
- 4. Athletes Hostel for 370 athletes; and Sports Residences for 148 visitors;
- 5. Covered car-park for 216 cars

> Points to note

The following environmental protection and energy saving measures are included in the design of the new building:

- 1. Solar panels are installed for energy saving;
- 2. Rainwater will be collected for recycling;
- 3. Green roof will reduce heat absorption and enhance the environment

New 52m International Standard Indoor Swimming Pool



Key features of the new building

The swimming pool is clad in an envelope of inward sloping glass walls and topped by wide overhanging eaves. The interior space is open and airy, giving an impetus to physical movement and release of energy. Here, athletes will be assimilated to the similar environment of international competitions. The new 52m swimming pool will be connected with the refurbished existing 25m swimming pool to form an integrated swimming complex.

Functions and facilities

The functions and facilities consist of the following:

- 1. An indoor 52m swimming pool which can be used as a 50m international standard pool or divided into two 25m pools by a movable bulk head;
- 2. Marshall areas around the pool;
- 3. Spectator stands on each side for total 1,500 seats;
- 4. Offices and meeting rooms

Points to note

The new indoor 52m swimming pool is the first swimming pool specially designed for elite training in Hong Kong. The pool is provided with under-water observation windows and a video system for training purposes.

New Rowing Boathouse



Key features of the new building

The Rowing Boathouse is a low-rise two-storey building standing amidst the greenery of the Shing Mun Riverside and blending in harmony with the surrounding scenery. The building is linked up with the other facilities by a covered elevated walkway which runs all the way to the existing Sports Complex.

> Functions and facilities

The functions and facilities include the following:

- 1. Storage for rowing boats;
- 2. Workshop for repair and maintenance of rowing boats;
- 3. Offices;
- 4. Fitness Training Room;
- 5. Partly covered stretching area at roof

Points to note

The new building provides a one-stop service for boat storage, maintenance workshop and administration for elite training. A viewing tower is located at the roof top facing the Shing Mun River, providing an unobstructed observation point for the training activities at the Shing Mun River.

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New Multi-purpose Sports Hall



Key features of the new building

The Multi-purpose Sports Hall provides new world-standard facilities to enhance the performance of the Hong Kong athletes in wushu, bowling and squash. It is designed as an integral part of the existing Sports Complex. Upon its completion, all the elite training facilities for elite sports will be housed under one roof.

Functions and facilities

The new building will accommodate:

- 1. A Wushu hall for 5 wushu mats with 100-seat spectator stand;
- 2. A bowling centre with 12 lanes;
- 3. 4 squash courts for singles and convertible to 3 double courts

Points to note

The new bowling centre in the Multi-purpose Sports Hall is the only venue specially designed for elite training in Hong Kong. It will provide two types of most commonly used bowling alleys, ie. AMF and Brunswick, and will facilitate training athletes to suit different venues in international competitions. The bowling centre is fitted with a video and motion analysis system for elite training purposes.