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14 July 2021

Miss Kitty Wang
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Dear Miss Wang,

Code on Access to Information
Re: Application No. 82/2021

I refer to your email which was received by our department on 19 June 2021 and due to unanticipated technical problems of the departmental computer system, the email was only transferred to this office on 13 July 2021 for follow up. The captioned request is about seeking information in relation to artificial turf pitches managed by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD). Our reply is as follows -

LCSD manages 37 third generation (3G) artificial turf pitches in 25 venues. Relevant information of which is at **Annex**. The artificial turf systems (including their rubber infill materials) used in the 3G artificial turf pitches are in compliance with the requirements of Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA). Similar products are commonly used throughout the world. The relevant national sports associations (the Hong Kong Football Association and the Hong Kong Rugby Union) support the use and additional provision of 3G artificial turf pitches.

LCSD has been closely monitoring the latest developments of artificial turf system and relevant local and international practices. An organic material (cork) which comply with the FIFA's safety requirements, is being trialled as infill materials for the artificial turf pitch at Tsing Yi Northeast Park. LCSD will review the overall performance and feedbacks on user experience of the new infill material as reference for new facilities or refurbishment in the future.

Design and Construction

The 3G artificial turf pitches managed by LCSD are mainly designed and built by the works department, which requires all contractors to fully comply with the safety requirements of FIFA on the materials used and the work specifications.

Maintenance

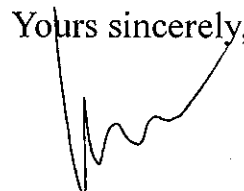
LCSD reviews the maintenance arrangements of 3G artificial turf pitches in collaboration with the works department from time to time, and has also required the maintenance contractors to collect samples of rubber granules when delivered on-site for testing by independent accredited testing institutions, so as to ensure that the materials used meet the relevant safety requirements. The test reports have to be returned to venue managers for record purpose. In addition, the maintenance contractors shall ensure proper storage of equipment, materials and tools that are required to execute the maintenance service.

Disposal

LCSD has shared the relevant information with the works agent as reference.

For enquiries concerning the above subject, please contact Ms Sallie HON, Assistant Leisure Manager I(Development)2, at 2601 8036. For enquiries regarding the Code on Access to Information, please contact Mr Austin TUNG, Executive Officer (General)2, at 2601 8011.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ms Loletta LAU'. The signature is fluid and cursive, starting with a large 'L' and ending with a long, sweeping tail that curves upwards and to the right.

(Ms Loletta LAU)

for Director of Leisure and Cultural Services

Enclosure