

<p><b>Topic ID 1:</b> Do you think hosting the Asian Games will help our athletes to achieve higher standards of performance?          您認為透過主辦亞運會是否可提升本地運動員的表現水平？</p>	
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3	I agree that Higher standards are achieved through better training and not through organizing the event. The government should look for potential athletes and to provide them good support for the improvement to a higher standard performance.
4	Hosting the Asian Games and having higher standards of performance of our athletes are not necessarily related. But if there are sport facilities upgrades which enhance/facilitate the training our Hong Kong athletes, I am sure they have a better performance. I hope the HKSAR Government will re-examine its support, in terms of hardware and soft issues, to our athletes in a proactive manner. Hosting the Asian Games might be desirable, it should not be the underlying cause for investing additional resources to sport sector.
5	Yes, fully support. As mentioned in the HKSAR Consultation Paper Paragraphy 38, the Game will give a strong boost to the development of sport by providing improved facilities for public participation in future. I don't care the performance of HK Teams. But, I'm sure that the Game can enhance the social cohesion (especially cohesion of athletes). The Sport Associations can develop their organisation skills and the Game can let them know more about the requirements / standard of their sport in the world / Asian. Of course, we should aware of the potential social and financial costs. But, in my opinion, 15 billion is not so high and acceptable (only the cost of 1 piece of land in HK).
6	現時運動員選拔及訓練都由學校,再到區隊,進而港隊.主辦亞運會令運動員更加努力訓練,帶動整個體育界.距離亞運會時間尚遠,如果政府積極宣傳,必定為運動員帶來正面影響.
7	I am sure our athletes will achieve higher standards of performance with Hong Kong being the host venue. It will be good for our athletes development.
8	The answer to this question is yes. But the answer doesn't logically lead to the conclusion that we should host the AG. Raising the standard of performance of our athletes can be achieved by other means that are less expensive. Providing more facilities, better supervision, and more opportunities to participate in sports competitions would not require over \$300b.
9	I don't think so. The key issue is how much resource and effort the government is willing to put in to improve the facility, provide seed funding for athlete training, raise the level of recognition of the status of athletes. Mind you that it is effort/resource and of course determination, not just money. There is always a myth that money can buy everything quickly as an one off deal. Without a supportive environment, long term planning, a highly educated community that recognize the athletes and the investment therein, just put an Asia Game in HK will give an impulsive spur and the hype will go away quickly. It will be the glory for a few individuals, but the entire community will not benefit proportionally. I hope that our officials will not take this bid as their

	achievement to bring the game to HK, it will be the next next administration's worry to implement it, and their fault if they don't do it well.
10	要提升本地運動員的表現水平, 不是靠主辦亞運會, 而是投放多些資源,以長遠而有計劃地去培養運動員.
11	本人認為主辦亞運會可以令本地運動員因在自家門口比賽, 有地利及自家人支持下發揮水準以上的表現, 及因優化體育設施的好處, 但政府以東亞運的獎牌數目作理據就不對了, 因為作為主辦單位, 專門舉辦一些冷門及香港極有優勢的比賽, 又因內地對香港的支持, 只派一些二, 三線的選手參賽, 變相讓賽, 試問這些數據如何作準呢? 本人認為提升本地運動員的表現有很多更有效的方法, 並不需要主辦亞運.
12	Hosting would no doubt give focus to many thousands of athletes and boost standards in the long run, but the \$300b is quite hefty. While the wealth gap is reaching a nauseating level and thousands of people are struggling with their livelihood, the more urgent business of the HKSARG should be an all out effort to ameliorate poverty. As a community, we could ill-afford to a distraction like an Asian Games.
13	Indeed, Our athletes should perform the same level whether the event will be hosted by Hong Kong or by other countries. If they still keep the same training standard. But it should be a great opportunity to promote Hong Kong.
14	Since we are hosting the Asian games, I think HK gov'ts will spend \$\$\$ to train up local talent athletes and make sure they are ready to perform at world class level. So, I think this will help them to achieve higher standards of performance (this doesn't mean them to get a gold medal).
15	The performance of HK athletes is not determined by the hosting any of games in HK. This is done by raising the general health and education of children and youngsters in general and providing them with sports facilities and training. We do not need to be hosts of these games in order to provide these opportunities. Money can be much better spent.
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17	<p>我同意提升本地運動員的表現水平，訓練必不可少，但在主場作賽，將會更加有利本地運動員發揮表現。我問過一位代表港隊出賽的朋友，他說運動員想不想香港辦亞運？一定想，因為作為運動員必定想在國際性賽事中出賽，如果出賽地點在自家主場，一則不用飛來飛去長途跋涉，二則能讓自己的家人觀賞自己作賽。因著這兩點，倘香港成功申辦亞運，運動員的表現應該有所提升。此外，由於在自己主場作賽，如果不發揮全力，又或是表現差劣，必定會被別人譏笑，在這種「唔衰得」的心態下，相信運動員會能發揮自己最大的潛力，務求在亞運會上取得佳績。</p>
18	<p>Yes, if HK Government has this vision and the potential athletes supports. If Asian Games would be hosted by HK and the target is 2023, the HK Government and Major Sponsors of the event could plan starting now, to bring up the next generation of athletes for the 2023 Asian Games. The manpower (athletes, trainers, administrators and management) source can be developed locally/imported, with participation into local/international games as precursors prior to the 2023 Asian Games. Of course, this is the software side in addition to the hardware (infrastructure) expenditure. The determination to succeed is the HK spirit to be cultivated.</p>
19	<p>I don't think any city hosting major sports events aim to help their athletes to achieve higher standards of performance. We should not fool ourselves nor the public that we can achieve this by hosting the Asian Games.</p>
20	<p>Yes. I believe all athletes will have the same answer. In addition, more resources must be allocated to support the athletes including training, training facilities, incentives, etc. in order to achieve a better result.</p>
21	<p>No. I would hate to see tax payers' spent in this way. More for show for a small of people than really for the benefit of Hong Kong.</p>
22	<p>If hosting the game would help to facilitate the following advancements, then it may be worthwhile for the pursue: 1. increase transparency and public involvement of the sport policy; 2. provision of encouragements or carrots to community organizations for increasing education and career opportunities for our athletes (including those with physical handicapped); 3. easy access to public sport facilities in different districts.</p>

	Even if Hong Kong does not have the opportunity of hosting the game, I hope the government will commit itself to work on the above directions.
23	透過主辦亞運會理論上是可提升本地運動員的表現水平,但要有完整的發展及培訓方針才可配合,在財政預算要考慮周詳,公眾應多給參與正面的意見。
24	Achieving higher standards of performance is secondary to promoting exercise and healthy living. These days young people are less and less inclined to do exercise and to take part in sports events. Organizing more sports classes and local competitions to promote an interest in various games should come first. I prefer to see many more healthy youngsters than to see winning more gold medals.
25	I have to agree that there is no correlation between performance and organizing the event. the athletes' performance is enhanced through training, govt can support them by providing equipment, facilities and inviting world-class trainers and coach. but simply organizing the event cannot enhance the physical performance even it may boost their morale. athletes can feel the sense of pride when their national flag flies up on the presentation stage. and this should be the same anywhere in the world given that athletes have that same sport spirit. [quote] No. Our athletes perform the same whether the event is hosted by HK or by other countries. Higher standards are achieved through better training, not through organising certain events. [/quote]
26	No, if our athletes want experience, we have the Guangzhou Asian Games. HK can host more international sports events, but not necessarily as big as the Asian Games.
27	I don't think the organization of Asian Games will help our athletes to achieve higher standards of performance. I believe systemic promotion of sports in youngsters, building adequate and user friendly facilities and financial reinforcement of sportmanship are the only ways of promoting performance. On the other hand, hosting Asian Games could be a good experience in organizing international event and might boost the image of HK as well as encourage tourism if successful organized .
28	The answer is yes and no. Yes is for immediate few years after the game, because of new or renovated sports facilities. But if there is no substantial input after the first few years, there will be no improvement
29	有言香港能成功申辦 2023 年亞運會，有助提升國際形象及社會地位。但依本人所見，現應重點考慮及檢視當下的香港特區有否能力成功申辦，而非過快則重於由其所帶來的利益與影響層面上。就地理因素及自身條件限制方面探討，香港欠缺足夠的體育設施和基礎資源，單是對七百萬市民的基本體育設施需求亦未能有效滿足；加上，一向的土地資源欠缺，事實上難以集中興建足夠的運動場或體育館以滿足亞運會的實際需求。在管理問題上，須知亞運會之賽事項目比東亞運更形繁多，即使分散場地或資源相信亦難以有效妥善管理，很大機會造成「各自為政」的情況產生。綜觀而言，現階段實不宜申辦 2023 年的亞運會，縱使香港已於 2008 年舉辦奧運馬術賽及去年的東亞運，同樣亦未見能由使令香港市民對體育事務的

	<p>參與度有所提高，普遍的「體育冷感」依然存在；倒不如落實地由基本功夫造起，將有關資金撥款改善現有的體育設施和培訓運動員，如：增加練習場地及協助支持更多運動員出外比賽以累積更多經驗，將投資於未來才有更深遠的影響，尤以運動員的整體表現水平問題上改善，而非單純以數次大型運動會能達致預期效果。相信有待現有基礎發展更趨成熟，包括設備完善及運動員自身的水平質素提升等，才再考慮應否申辦亞運會和能否符合本港的整體利益更形恰當，亦是增加市民的投入度最有效的方法。</p>
30	<p>如果說申辦亞運可以提昇本地運動員表現水平，的確可以，但我認為只佔約30%，而另外70%是靠教練的水準。如果辦亞運，但又沒有好好考慮過請更高水準的教練去訓練運動員，運動員的水準未必會顯得更高，因為教練是非常值得考慮的其中一個因素，要確實地提昇運動員表現水平，需要一個非常有水準的教練去訓練運動員。我曾經問過一位運動員，是他向我反映這意見。</p>
31	<p>主辦亞運會對於提升運動員士氣及質素是有相當助力,花費巨大必然,是否值得是見仁見智,從長線角度而言,應繼續改善運動員的訓練模式,尤其在鋪排他們的出路方面,如有完善健全的基制,可令他們心無別向更專注在崗位的進取.</p>
32	<p>yes, but hand in hand... we also need good training, research/expert, facilities, community support, commercial sponsors, long term development plan of sports activities...</p>
33	<p>Yes, hosting the game at home will enhance better performance. However, when we put resource into training an athlete, more consideration shall be given to what the athlete will do after retirement. An athlete need to know "the long term prospect" and not ending with miserable life after retirement. Most of the award winning athletes now come from China. The Government is not doing enough in attracting the local young people to pursue a career as an athlete.</p>
34	<p>我不贊成花巨資去爭取主辦2023年亞洲運動會。要透過主辦亞運會去提升本地運動員的表現水平是捨本逐末的想法。我非常同意，培訓初級運動員成為國際級選手，需要長遠的策劃及投資。因此，把主辦亞運會所花的巨資，投放在本地運動員的訓練和福利上，遠較投資在場地和設施這些硬件上來得見效。讓我們立即為運動員的培訓工作訂定清晰的目標和投放合適的資源，務求運動員在不久將來的所有運動會上，都能爭取佳績，為港爭光。</p>
35	<p>本人認為主辦亞運會的確可提升本地運動員的表現水平。偌大的場館、充足的設備及清晰的目標，無疑使運動員在比賽前得到更專業的訓練；當佔盡主場之利，加上親友們到場支持，運動員在香港主辦的亞運會中定能如東亞運般發揮高水平，再創佳績。可是，要提升本地運動員的表現水平，不可只靠主辦亞運會，畢竟這只是一次性的幫助。提升運動員水平的長遠辦法是投放更多資源，包括在運動場地上、體育設施上及師資培訓上都應有完善的配套，否則，即使再多的國</p>

	際性賽事在港只會事倍功半。另一個更不可忽略的，是檢討與各體育協會的關係，與及扶助各會的發展，監管、支持並重，只擔心今日不少協會已是良莠不齊，對運動員的發展更無助。
36	我相信是可以的，但需要有完善的考慮及安排，不獨是只針對性的舉辦運動會，還有往後的安排，如運動員日後的持續培訓和職業前途等，從而激發運動員的鬥心及提升水平；否則，在熱情過後，只有招來抱怨和批判，徒令國際人士瞧不起。
37	主辦亞運會一定會提升本地運動員的表現水平，因為主場關係，又不用適應新環境，更有更多自己身邊朋友親人的關注，表現一定比平時出席其他運動會更好，但我希望政府要多關心運動員本身行業的吸引力，多於成績，因為職業本身必須有可發展性，如果政府未能配合職業運動員的退休問題及未能照顧他們的需要，真是很難吸引更多朋友加入，只由外地吸入專才運動員，長遠都只係得個別突出的運動員代表香港出戰。
38	Perhaps, but this is not the reason we should be hosting the Asian Games. I do not support the hosting of the Asian Games, but I support our athletes. Hosting the event, like many others have said are not necessary correlations. I am a former Track and Field athlete for several years. You don't win just because you have fans in the stadium. Having fans might give you an edge, the extra adrenaline rush, but whether you win or lose comes from all the training and preparation you have done earlier. If HK athletes are to succeed, they will need better training and support earlier. Overseas, there are plenty of lower level sports competitions, in high school, in college/university, etc. These build up a pool of competitive athletes who train and perform at high levels, not because of a event over a decade from now. No to Asian Games.
39	Yes, I think so. There will be more facilities, more awareness, more participation and may be more opportunities to gain businesses involvement or sponsorship in many kinds of sport we play. Together with the government proactive policy, our athletes will benefit physically, financially and mentally. No doubt they will have a better chance to achieve higher standards of performance.
40	The way to achieve higher standards of performance is to devote more resources in software rather than hardware. I have not done any independent research but the general wisdom is that very few countries/cities can pull it off financially when they bring such games to their countries / cities. I think the more pertinent question is not the one being posed here but what is the HK Government's vision for us generally? We cannot do everything at once - are we going to be a world class arts hub, center of excellence in education, medical tourism? Since we are already devoting billions of financial resources for the WKCC, would it not make better sense for the government to put more resources in developing our arts education programs? What about putting the money to good use by encouraging new education initiatives? We seems to always focus on hardware and not software.

41	<p>No. I don't agree.</p> <p>I think our government should improve the sporting facilities and increase training funding even not hosting Asian Games.</p>
42	<p>雖然我的立場不能代表所有運動員，但從我十六年代表香港的游泳生涯來說，在有主場之利下比賽一定能夠提升本地運動員的表現水平。</p> <p>詳細理由不在這裡說，因為我覺得這個問題有點誤導。我認為舉辦亞運的主要目的，一定不會是因爲了提升本地運動員的表現水平。以上的回應我都很同意，把資源直接給體育界是最能提升水平的方法。不過，舉辦亞運其實有一個對社會更深入的影響，就是改善體育文化。</p> <p>興建體育場館、增加體育報導、運動員在比賽增取佳績、增加對舉辦運動會的討論等等，都能加強社會對體育的關注。13年不斷增加體育氣氛，信息就會漸漸融入生活。正面的體育風氣能令社會更健康，而有健康的體魄才可提高工作效率和生活水平。這些能用金錢衡量嗎？</p> <p>所以舉辦亞運重點並非爲了提升本地運動員的表現水平，而是改善體育風氣，建立健康的社會。</p>
43	<p>I support hosting the Asian Games. The main reason is not just promoting higher performance of our athletics (which it should), but due to the wish that such move would strengthen HK people's awareness of the importance of sports and exercise, and the need to engage in regular exercise. Studies have ample evidence to show that regular exercise could strengthen physical health, reduce stress (which is very essential in today's HK work environment), and enhance human interaction in most cases.</p> <p>Therefore, in addition to building or upgrading our hardware of sports facilities, in promoting the training of athletes (especially the local born ones), I would suggest holding a campaign on the promotion of sports and physical exercise as well.</p>
44	<p>No, I don't think hosting the Asian Games will help our athletes to achieve higher standards of performance. The standard of the athletes should be more or less the same. However, the fighting spirit of them will be higher if they compete on home ground. It is the training and commitment of the athletes counts, not hosting the Asian Games.</p>
45	<p>No. I don't think so.</p> <p>Some may argue that because of the outstanding performance of HK's athletes at this year's Asian Games, there is strong reason for HK to host AG in 2023. But there is no logic in it at all. HK athletes perform well because of their efforts.</p> <p>As athletes, I'd be surprised if they do not support AG, same as all Sports institution. However, their reason to support is so that there're more facilities and resources. If that's the case, we should be giving them more facilities and resources directly. Why</p>

	<p>should we need to use AG as an excuse to give them more resources? Govt may even be spending too much money on running the Games that resources directly given to athletes may shrink.</p>
46	<p>Better training and more exposure to competition will help achieve higher standards of performance. Hosting games is too indirect an means of achieving the above objectives and not value for money spent. If only a small fraction of the sum to be spent hosting the games were available to financially support our sports men and women so the time they now spend to work for a living and going out to raise funds for training were spent on competition and training, it is likely to produce better results.</p>
47	<p>I spend most of my time in Guangzhou and know the city pretty well. During the past many months Guangzhou had done so much in preparing for the 16th Asian Games. During this period it was indeed pain in the neck for every single person in Guangzhou. Because of that I initiatally hold a very negative view in hosting the Asian Games in Hong Kong. However, after the Guangzhou Asian Games from Nov 12 to Nov 27, and having had attended the opening and closing ceremony, I now hold a rather different view.</p> <p>The hosting of Asian Games in Guangzhou has helped mobilized the majoprity of the people. Nearly every person was contributing effort to make the event a good success, which perhaps was only due to "face" reason initially. But I did notice and did have experienced the genuine dedication of most members. I was impressed that the whole city had become more intact. I saw good cooperation, good management, and even the general politeness of the general public was also improved.</p> <p>Even if Hong Kong was successful in bidding for the hosting, it would be many years from now and it leaves us sufficient time to do a good preparation without excuse. We can invite the relevant officials from Guangzhou and even from Beijing (2008 Olympics) as advisors and we learn from their practical experience.</p> <p>There are surely huge difficulties to overcome but that is exacytly what we need. Hong Kong is gradually falling behind particularly in comparison to the rapid-rising Shanghai and other major cities in China. Having the opportunity to host an Asian Game in Hong Kong it will provide us a good platform to run a good show to prove that we are still capable and powerful. We need the new spirit to uphold our confidence.</p>
48	<p>If we want to raise the standard or performance level of HK sport team, I agree to host Asian Games should not be the main way out. However, I opined that hosting Asian Games can give local sportmen/ women a clear long term target and strong desire in</p>

	<p>performance recognition at host-venue. Having target and desire to win are essential to drive them training harder and doing better. Therefore, I believe, the said-hosting shall form an effective initiative to encourage more and more HK people to participate sports activities and to enhance the overall morale plus performance of HK sport team !!</p>
49	<p>我認爲主辦亞運會提升本地運動員的激勵,對本港運動員在市民面前有發揮良好的水平,拿出了值得驕傲的成績.這樣也會令市民對運動員的努力得到認同,所以我十分同意主辦亞運會</p>
50	<p>運動員在本地比賽是有主場之利,但我並不贊成香港耗用公幣去主辦亞運,因爲這樣並不會提升本地整體運動水準,現時,香港的紅磡體育館多用作演唱會,伊館多用作 standup show 之用,政府主辦的本地比賽不多,所以再多運動館也無用,我期望政府將資源用在培訓運動員上,特別是對體院的資助。</p>
51	<p>Citing the recent success of many of our athletes in the latest EAG, I view that many of our athletes do have talents in their respective specialty. The fact that most of the professional athletes have to leave Hong Kong for the majority time of the year for training overseas reflects Hong Kong is in lack of top grade training facilities and venue and may be in some cases, top grade coaches. If Hong Kong can host the 2023 EAG, and in turn upgrade all of the sports facilities, then all Hong Kong athletes will have suitable venues and facilities for training and hence attract more tip-top coaches. These will surely boost their standard to the international standard. On the other hand, they do not have to leave their families for most of the time in the year and therefore will enhance their emotional support and sense of belonging. These will all do good to improve their standard of performance.</p> <p>In short, I agree with the hosting of 2023 EAG by HKSAR would in the long term upgrade the standard of performance of the HK athletes and enhance their competitiveness with other international athletes.</p>
52	<p>申辦亞運會否能立即提昇場地設施,令運動員水平突飛猛進?十年前「香港一定得」一役的申辦,又有爲運動員的水準帶來突破嗎?個人認爲申辦與提升水平是兩回事,大家所見多哈和廣州申辦成功,兩個域市(不是該國)的運動員水準又如何?固然申辦會替運動員帶來望梅止渴的效果,令他們更在艱辛環境中努力,但上次一役申辦大敗,第二回合已出局,大家諒明白就算香港如何背靠祖國去攞票,面對西亞及南亞联手,一樣不易突圍,更何況東亞地區如韓、日等也自己有意算盤呢.相比起席廣州号称千億資源打造亞運,香港六十億預算好像慳錢俾議員睇,但若真的做起來又超支多少,又其中不少場地已決定不翻新改建呢!</p> <p>姑勿論如何,我反對申辦亞運,始終出發點是好,只是看淡成功機會,而就算真的成功,它不是搞單項(奧運馬術)或只招呼9個地區(如東亞運) -- 上述兩者根本已做到踢晒腳,問吓有份工作嘅人都知。2023 亞運,講嘅係卅幾國家和地區,超過五十個運動項目,係咪咁易嘅呀?</p>

53	我相信是可以的，因為體育界基於奪取獎牌、為港、為個人、為團隊爭光的心態，必定全力以赴，亦更注重運動科學，幫助健兒提昇水平和能力，故此，直接或間接地令到運動員的表現水平有所提昇。
54	There is no such relationship with hosting AG and higher performance. Aiming at getting awards only is not an appropriate attitude of promoting athletic atmosphere in Hong Kong. It's because most of the people do not have the chance to get the award.
55	<p>Hosting the Asian Games and helping athletes to achieve higher standard of performance are separate issues. If they are any good, they certainly do not need the "home turf" advantage to achieve better results. They did very well at the recent Asian Games away from home turf.</p> <p>Though the estimate for Asian Games had been trimmed down to 6 billion, this is only playing with figures to deceive the public. Will the HKSAR government tell us which projects could be completed within budget. Look at the Stonecutter Bridge, the current MTR South Island Line and an extension line in Kowloon. If Hong Kong succeeded in bidding for the Asian Games, Legislative Council would have no choice but to approve whatever money that is actually required. The money could be well spent on better long term planning and training of athletes, as well as for the well-being of the needy and solving the entrenched social conflicts.</p> <p>I do not support spending such a huge sum to satisfy the vain glory of a few people. The so-called glory will vanish like fireworks in a matter of 2 weeks.</p> <p>The Secretary for Home Affairs said Hong Kong could afford the money but is money pouring into where it is most needed?</p>

<b>Topic ID 2: Do you think hosting the Asian Games will be an important milestone for the development of sport in Hong Kong?</b> 您認為主辦亞運會會否成為香港體育發展的重要里程碑？	
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56	It will be definitely an important milestone for the development of sport in Hong Kong. But to review the budget, I will suggest the budget for something more meaningful.
57	No. A more thoroughly thoughtout government policy on sports development is a more urgent matter.
58	Yes, it will be an important milestone for the development of sport in Hong Kong and will be a good motivation to put forward the sport in HK, not only the athletes performance but also the quality of sport facilities in HK, it will be good for all general public in HK.
59	I am in full support of this proposed initiative. By 2023 we are half way between 1997 and 2047 by which time we will have a much closer economic tie among the Asian countries and this will be a good timing to host an Pan Asian sports activity. This will also give us a chance to plan for our urban development over the next 13 years with a long term perspective.
60	The Asian Games itself is an important milestone. It will enhance public participation and interest in sports. Events achievement will also enhance community cohesion which is needed for the present social norm of Hong Kong.
61	I don't think so, because the price tag is too high.
62	興建大量於活動後變得冷冷清清的場館或設施, 不見得標誌了甚麼值得欣喜的發展.
63	No matter what, hosting a big spot events would be an important milestone for development of sport in HK in general. Whether this is a successful or not will be a different stories. I think the current economic structures in HK are too dependent on property development/banking/finanical industries, as competition from Shanghai, shenzhen, singapore are expected to increase significantly for next 5, 10, 15yrs. I think HK gov't should think about other new industries and development of sport platform/hub for chinese athlete (inc. HK and mainland) to west may be a good ideas. A standard athlete commercial negotiation platform for west to find and sign contracts with athlete from HK and mainland. Therefore, if HK gov't have a complete plan for what we should do to bring +ve impact to HK before/during/after 2023 Asian Games. Should be good for HK in all aspects.

64	No. 李麗珊, 高禮澤, 李靜 winning the Olympic metals are milestones whereas hosting Asian Games would neither motivate professional athletes nor the tourism industry.
65	若能成功主辦亞運會,當然會成為香港體育發展的重要里程碑,因為它使香港體育事業上了一個新台階.更重要的是,可進步一步提升香港在亞洲以至國際的影響力,建立國際大都會、活力大都會的國際形象. 因此,申辦亞運與否,除了要符合成本效益、有利經濟發展外,更重要的是,要看到成功申辦對香港長遠及整體發展的重要意義.另外,場館的建興,也可帶動就業職位的增加,解決一部份就業及民生問題.當然,還要考慮亞運會完結後,有關場館的充分利用問題,確保可持續發展.
66	本人不是運動員,但詢問過不少運動員朋友(其中兩位代表港隊出錯)對於申辦亞運的看法。他們認為,香港體育需要的是長遠規劃,如果香港政府為了亞運而資助體育發展,這是焦點錯誤。可是,如果香港政府為了體育發展而資助亞運,並視亞運為長遠體育規劃的其中一個點,則運動員會傾向支持亞運。當然,這只是幾個運動員的意見,政府應該召開一個大型諮詢會,邀請所有運動界的主要代表,詢問其對申亞的意見,並由負責申亞的主要官員出席,相信社會輿論會因為今次諮詢會而定調。
67	a milestone for hong kong definitely in terms of the sense of achievement if we could be awarded the organization of the event. but that does not necessarily mean that it is 'the' milestone' for the development of sporting events in hong kong. i think we need to differentiate the difference between economic return to success of our athletes, which i see no relationship between the two.
68	Yes... Why do we have to pay \$50B for such a milestone? It is totally unjustifiable.
69	<p>有言香港能成功申辦 2023 年亞運會,有助提升國際形象及社會地位。但依本人所見,現應重點考慮及檢視當下的香港特區有否能力成功申辦,而非過快則重於由其所帶來的利益與影響層面上。就地理因素及自身條件限制方面探討,香港欠缺足夠的體育設施和基礎資源,單是對七百萬市民的基本體育設施需求亦未能有效滿足;加上,一向的土地資源欠缺,事實上難以集中興建足夠的運動場或體育館以滿足亞運會的實際需求。在管理問題上,須知亞運會之賽事項目比東亞運更形繁多,即使分散場地或資源相信亦難以有效妥善管理,很大機會造成「各自為政」的情況產生。綜觀而言,現階段實不宜申辦 2023 年的亞運會,縱使香港已於 2008 年舉辦奧運馬術賽及去年的東亞運,同樣亦未見能由使令香港市民對體育事務的參與度有所提高,普遍的「體育冷感」依然存在;倒不如落實地由基本功夫造起,將有關資金撥款改善現有的體育設施和培訓運動員,如:增加練習場地及協助支持更多運動員出外比賽以累積更多經驗,將投資於未來才有更深遠的影響,尤以運動員的整體表現水平問題上改善,而非單純以數次大型運動會能達致預期效果。</p> <p>相信有待現有基礎發展更趨成熟,包括設備完善及運動員自身的水平質素提升</p>

	等，才再考慮應否申辦亞運會和能否符合本港的整體利益更形恰當，亦是增加市民的投入度最有效的方法。
70	its a milestone, but may not be sustainable. take a look of the Equestrian sports nowadays... there is a trend shortly after the event, but the popularity and sustainability of sports in daily life is another important issue
71	Yes, it is a milestone but expensive one and probably not worth for.
72	我相信主辦亞運會的確會成為香港體育發展的重要里程碑，因為若能成功申辦亞運，政府必定會投放資源盡量將亞運舉辦得有聲有色，而市民亦會為了一份榮譽感而配合政府的措施。而且，對體育健兒及團隊來說，是難得的大好機會，將會全力以赴為港、為個人、為團隊爭光，而體育精神亦會因此煥發，如此，令體育界更重視運動科學。所以，相信將會掀起一個亞運熱潮，亦是香港體育事業乘勢發展的一個好時機。藉著這些利好條件，會為香港的體育事業發展帶上另一個台階。

<p><b>Topic ID 3:</b> Would it be in Hong Kong's overall interest, in sport development, social and economic terms, to host the Asian Games in 2023, having regard to the cost and other relevant considerations?</p> <p>基於開支及其他相關因素，申辦 2023 年亞運會是否符合香港在體育發展、社會及經濟方面的整體利益？</p>	
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73	First of all, the aim of hosting the Asian Games are promoting the images of HK and upgrading the standard of our athletes. As HK is a famous financial city, I don't think this event can help too much, secondly, using so much money to host it do not have a direct impact on raising their standard, I prefer making use of the amount to train our candidates can get more effects.
74	After the experience of the Beijing Olympics, I aware that the Shanghai Expose is more worthwhile, since they last much longer and it benefit to all concern. I would suggest the budget go to improve the Hong Kong World financial Image instead.
75	I think the money should be used to promote Hong Kong people's interest in sports directly. Things to be done include revising the school curriculum (put more emphasis on sports), providing more spots facilities regionally and recruit more qualified trainers in various sports.
76	At this moment, NOT, especially most of the the people have not participated the development / operation of Sport Activity in HK. I think HKSAR should do more promotion, like road show and advertisement to let HK people know more about the pro and con / short term and long term / direct and indirect benefits of hosting the Game in HK.
77	To put things into perspective - West Kowloon Cultural District Authority is given HK\$21.6billion. Express Rail's budget is HK\$68billion. Asian Games alone is HK\$13.7-14.5billion (the sites at Kai Tak MPSC and the other projects is estimated to cost another \$30.17 billion). While West Kowloon, the Express Rail and the Kai Tak MPSC etc facilities (not yet approved by Lego) are arguably for the longer-term development of HK, HK\$13.7-14.5 are one-off and not recoverable. Agree with others that this amount would be much better spent to directly achieve the objectives set out in the Consultation paper i.e. promote sports development (develop long-term plan to train and support professional athletes), stimulate economic activities (employment created by Asian Games is short-lived, funds could be better used to promote long-term economic activities); enhance social cohesion (East Asian Games prove that the effect is short-lived)

78	<p>剛看過申辦的方案，作為香港的一份子，舉辦亞運是可以提升國際地位。但睇過相關開支和成本。本人一百萬個不贊成，錢係要用得其所，改善體育設施和提升運動員表演不一定要舉辦亞運。香港要一個善用理財的政府，要關注各階層市民福利和康體設施。用那麼多 140 億 (可能不祇這數)，但要七百多萬市民共同承擔，點計都是不做也吧...提升城市的國際地位，不如像新加坡搞一級方程式賽車，全世界有一億人收看，不是更化算嗎？ 我建議政府不如花十多億元建多些體育設施，就能滿足我們很多市民需要。</p>
79	<p>I never subscribes to the idea of using an international game to promote sports amongst the masses. Having a Liu Xiang does not make everyone in China a hurdler. Having a Guo Jingjing does not make everyone a good diver. They are elite athletes training to snatch gold medals and has no bearing on ordinary people. The Games can make a good excuse for us to improve on our sports facilities, but if we have the resolve, why don't we simply upgrade that instead. I am neutral but we must have a clear objective. With the Guangzhou Asian Games less than two months away, can we not wait until we have the initial assessment of the Guangzhou Asian Games before we make our decision? They are near enough, with a lower cost base and we can also assess both the tangible and the intangible benefits.</p>
80	<p>No, it won't be cost-effective to host the AG. Remember we have burning social problems (poverty, educational inadequacies, housing needs, elderly care, etc.) to fix. The AG budget of over HK\$300b (may double by the 2020's) can be spent in ameliorating acute social problems as well as meeting the need for upgrading our athletes' standard. If such a huge amount is spent on hosting AG, we'd likely have an even more divided society than a more integrated and harmonious one.</p>
81	<p>難以認同。一項如此大型的活動，開支一環只得寥寥幾行(附件 p.25)。當中的潛在成本，其他營運開支，甚至通脹等都是未知之數。如何具說服力令大眾相信投入的社會資源真的有所"回報"?</p>
82	<p>本人認為申辦 2023 年亞運會不乎合香港的整體利益。這只是少數人的心願。就以下數點回應： 1 提升運動員的表現。贊成有助提升短時間表現，看東亞運後就知道 2 改善體育設施。贊成，只要不清拆或還原 3 公眾參與體育活動。東亞運很多門票也是政府或商界免費派發，但很多項目仍缺乏足夠觀眾，何況是更大型的亞運會，切勿高估港人的投入 4 加強社會凝聚力。同意會加強對運動員和香港人身份的凝，但就第 6 點的睇法會造成社會分化 5 刺激經濟活動。舉辦大型運動會，只會對發展中國家，地區有幫助，對發達地區，只是粉飾太平，香港不需要這些 6 主辦亞運會的潛在成本。現在的成本已很浩大，而且政府近年的項目財政預算往往超支很多，到時騎虎難下，不繼續不行，這會造成社會對政府的不信任和官商勾結的懷疑 總結申辦 2023 年亞運會有好處，但找不到非辦不可的理由，政府咨詢的理據像堆切出來的。畢竟這些也是我們納稅人的錢，我不想用在完成某些人的夢想和增漲某些商人的荷包上。</p>

83	<p>我認為申辦 2023 年亞運會對於香港有以下好處： 1. 提升本地的體育水平：無論是運動員的水平還是體育設施的水平，作為國際城市的香港，在這兩方面實在是強差人意；如果能舉辦亞運，則有望能提升這兩方面的水平 2. 提升香港與珠三角的融合：若香港舉辦亞運，必然要向廣州取經，使粵港兩方有更深度的合作；此外，香港亞運不一定全部項目在香港進行，可以撥出一些項目予深圳、廣州、中山等大城市舉辦，那麼香港便能與珠三角有進一步的融合，回歸已經十年多了，香港與內地城市的融合絕對是無可避免的大趨勢 希望各方好友不要「只」從財政支出方面來衡量是否應該舉辦亞運，亞運始終是一個城市的盛事，應該從不同方面來衡量是否值得</p>
84	<p>補足一點，400 多億的開支看似很多，但實質上這筆開支應該攤分 13 年(2010 - 2023)來看，甚至應該攤分更加長遠的時間來看，所以看似昂貴的代價其實可能物有所值</p>
85	<p>In term of economic impact, I think hosting Asian games 2023 will bring +ve impact to HK economy, this will create more job opportunities construction workers or low skill set workers (make sure local workers will get the job first). To help us understand the logic a bit more, I think this project should break into 3 stages; 1st stage - money spend to build infrastructure or facilities to meet the asian games requirement. - Based on the initial estimation from consultant, HK gov't will spend at least HK\$14B. This will create employments for construction workers (jobs must give to local workers first). - Since we are hosting the games, therefore, as a hosting country, HK gov't wants our athletes to have better performances, more \$\$\$ will spend to get better coaching/training scheme for talent local athletes. This not only will create job opportunities our future athletes, but also for existing athlete and will be retired for next few years as the demand for coaches are expected to increase. 2nd stage - close or during the 2023 Asian games. - increase tourist visiting HK from all overall the worlds for watching the games. Also, commercial advertising and sponsorship for HK athletes. 3rd stage - after 2023 games. - Those infrastructure/facilities can be served as tourist spots and also used for future big sport events (e.g. world cups to be hosted in China and HK will be able to have good facilities to host few games). Therefore, if HK gov't can manage the spending budget within the initial estimation, make sure every \$\$ spent will create job opportunitites for HK local people first and a concrete plan for before/during/after 2023 Asian games. I think we should support HK to HOST the 2023 ASIAN GAMES.</p>
86	<p>申辦 2023 年亞運會社會上有很大的回響,認為動用 140 多億元的公帑,讓人有浪費之疑....社會上最大的聲音是政府寧願投放 140 億搞亞運都唔起居屋解決市民居住的需求! 本人認為是兩碼子的事! 政府為了解決市民對亞運的誤解應廣泛地落區舉辦諮詢會, 另一方面政府應徹底解決市民的住屋需要, 重新規劃房屋政策, 以減輕社會的反對聲音!</p>

87	<p>我對應否申辦 2023 年亞運未有立場，但希望大家從以下角度思考這件事： 1. 亞運的主角是亞洲的運動員，我們應否從運動員的角度來考慮應否申辦亞運？ 2. 不少人批評政府不解決貧富懸殊、房屋問題、兩隧問題，卻用 440 億申辦亞運是焦點錯位，但政府有沒有聲明「我只會搞 2023 年亞運，不會處理其他問題」？如果沒有，但大家不斷批評政府，未免「打稻草人」 3. 一次過出資 440 億當然是 一筆巨款，但有沒有想過將 440 億攤開 13 年來計算？由於亞運會帶來一定長遠效益，大家又有沒有想過將 440 攤開 20 年來計算？如果攤開 20 年，每年只是 22 億 4. 香港申辦亞運會，絕對不只是香港的事，至少香港必定會向廣州取經，並與深圳、汕頭等城市商討合作舉辦亞運的問題，此等必定有助粵港合作，這項長遠效益是否值得...？看見不少市民只用「浪費金錢」和「好大喜功」便結束整個討論，實在令人心痛.....</p>
88	<p>I only support the hosting of Asian Games if the money is spent on building more sport facilities for the future use by the citizens. For example, the tennis and badminton facilities are seriously inadequate. But if the money is spent for allowing people to see the performance of games, such as the current wastage of money in re-building a swimming pool in the Victoria Park, then I shall object the hosting because the money spent is only for satisfactory of the personal ego of certain government officials.</p>
89	<p>Definitely not in HK's overall interest. There are so many things that HK needs to focus on and this is definitely not one of them. HK should also consider the political impact as I am sure that the opposition force will be strong.</p>
90	<p>香港申辦亞運知多啲</p> <p>亞洲運動會，簡稱亞運會，是全亞洲最大規模的綜合性的運動會。由首屆於 1951 年印度新德里的亞運會開始，亞運會陪伴我們成長已有 15 屆、近 60 個年頭了。香港申辦亞運可以嗎？</p> <p>在挑選主辦亞運的城市時候，亞奧理事會會考慮各申辦城市的能力和經驗等多項因素，其中包括比賽場地的水平、接待參賽隊伍的選手村、當地氣候、交通配套、治安狀況等。</p> <p>廣州就是經過了以上多重的考驗，成功於 2010 年 11 月將舉辦第 16 屆亞運會。筆者心中即時產生了一個疑問：既然廣州可以，那麼香港呢？香港可以嗎？</p> <p>還記得在 2000 年的時候，香港申辦 2006 年亞運敗於多哈，當時心中感到不是味兒，但仍會尊重評委會的裁判。今天，香港軟硬件的體育配套日益完善，除與八大院校合作培育精英運動員外，香港舉辦大型運動會的經驗增多了，如協辦 2008 年北京奧運的馬術項目和去年底成功舉辦東亞運。</p>

	<p>申亞關鍵在於市民支持</p> <p>申辦大型的運動會，必然會令大家自然聯想起背後帶來的經濟效益。然而，並非每次舉辦大型運動會都能賺錢，即使是舉辦世界級的奧運會，也有主辦國出現虧蝕的例子。</p> <p>話雖如此，無論是申辦亞運會或奧運會，競爭都是十分激烈的，皆因申辦的意義，比一切金錢收益更為重要。香港作為多元化的城市，申辦亞運可鞏固其亞運都會的地位，使人知道香港除了有「紐倫港」金融中心的美名外，也同樣注重其他產業的發展。此外，加強推動體育政策，更可令香港成為舉辦體育盛事的地方，對外可提升國際形象，對內又可提升市民質素和推廣健康生活，從而減少醫療負擔。但畢竟申辦奧運的費用昂貴，單計算直接開支已達 137 億至 145 億元，是一個非常龐大的數目。開支，用的是市民的錢、是大家共同擁有的資產，在衡量開支與利益之間，港府必須慎重考慮，制定出一套可行實際的方案，以公平公正公開的方式，說服市民支持有關方案。</p> <p>還記得 1996 年，「風之后」李麗珊為港勇奪金牌時的情形嗎？當年筆者年紀尚小，唯仍能感受到當中無限的喜悅和興奮。香港人常誤以為，每天工作繁重，無暇理會工作以外的事情。但其實，運動火熱的種子一直植根於香港人的心中。筆者相信，香港的運動熱會「一熱就會熱起來」，申辦亞運絕不會成為「大白象」，讓我們齊心爭取，為 2023 年香港亞運高呼「香港一定得」！</p> <p>2010.09.27 刊於成報</p>
91	<p>不反對，卻很難支持。暫且擱下成本不說，成功申辦如亞運這類大型體育盛事，對社會當然有利。在自家城市舉辦亞洲大型項目，確有凝聚民眾的效益，帶出各種正能量（辦得好的話，看印度的英聯邦運動會籌備便知），可善於「和諧」社會。再且，一個能得到國際社會認同和贊賞的的盛事，確實能為港人帶來自豪。這方面，本人是支持的。經濟效益方面，本人著實未有專業資格評估，一個估計需要以數以百億元的投放、即時收入只有十數億元的項目，用一種「空談」說法去支持有「長遠經濟利益」，相信唯有專業人士才能提供意見。估計亞運能吸引數以萬計的海外遊客到訪，本人相信調查的數字，但若 2023 年的同期不舉辦亞運，那這數萬訪港遊客的數字（不計本已有的訪客人次），又會否變為零？這條一來一回的數，應該納入考慮範圍，而不應只「報喜」地把這一群旅客定性為「沒有亞運不來港」的群組。</p> <p>本人欲發表的，是關於體育發展的利益。單一地說，又且擱下成本不說，成功申辦亞運當然符合體育發展的利益。但，要問一句，辦亞運等如要花幾百億；那，要花數以百億元來發展香港體育，這究竟是否提出申辦亞運人士的心中所想？還</p>

	<p>是爲了要申辦亞運，順帶搬出能「發展香港體育」的論點來作支持？值得深思。香港是國際金融中心、全球三大融資及股票市場、世界一級城市，已不是朝夕的事。一個亞運，能否再把香港送上層樓，見仁見智。香港是一個已發展(well-developed)城市，社會及群眾對體育的認識、需求和支持早見成熟。比方說香港足球，曾經有過的光輝歲月，深受市民及青少年擁戴。每年不乏青少年足球訓練發展計劃，學界比賽、學界精英賽、私型業餘聯賽等，均是香港足球的重心。政府過去對足球又有何種支持？一場旺角場的甲組聯賽，只有 13 人入場觀看。足總搞得好與否，不聞不問；由銀禧年代至體院，是青少年對足球的一個中轉站。結果，當年體院把多個足球場改變用途，那種唏噓的失落感，另人沮喪。港隊在東亞運勇奪桂冠，萬人歡呼喝采，球員的努力拼搏創造佳績，竟成爲了政府辦東亞運的成就，未免有點言過其實。爲香港增光的運動員得到加許，未見成績的闊佬懶理，見東亞運後轉頭得到冬季奧運會參賽資格的運動員的際遇，立竿見影，名副其實，輸打贏要。已有長遠發展歷史的香港體育，今時今日，還需要以辦亞運的借口來發展本地體育嗎？這方針未敢恭維，似乎是以發展本地體育爲申辦亞運的借口。欲增加民眾對運動的認識和支持，見舉世矚目的世界盃足球賽事，本人家中既沒有高清盒，且沒有有線電視，又不欲爲每場賽事到酒樓酒吧消費，唯有到商場觀賞四年一度的世界體壇盛事。政府對直播權不加理會，可以說這是商業行爲，在資本主義社會生活便得跟隨遊戲規則。</p> <p>那般，申辦亞運，似乎原來又是一盤生意，應該說，是一盤本人看不著賺與蝕的生意。撫心自問，要借用申辦亞運、花上數以百億元來發展香港體育，給本人一種自打嘴巴的感覺。只搬出申辦亞運的好處作爲理據，而不反思香港體育爲何未已經有更進多步的發展，出自政府之口，對香港體育是不負責任的言行。十年前申辦失敗，未等到東亞運之前，曾幾何時聽說過「發展香港體育」的見議。假若落實申辦又次失敗，那是否又再等十年，甚亦乎再多的時間，才能聽到不知那屆政府班子再搬出「發展香港體育」的大義？決定申辦 2023 年亞運之前，應再次又再次深思香港的體育應該如何發展，才再把這論點放出台吧。最後，如以申辦亞運爲單一層面看待，本人認爲事實上對香港體育發展是有效益的。如以評分來作出支持議題「申辦 2023 年亞運會是否符合香港在體育發展、社會及經濟方面的整體利益」與否，可總結成：社會利益，支持；經濟利益，不支持；體育發展利益，支持。如以整體個人意見，考慮到要花數百億元辦亞運，回應議題「基於開支及其他相關因素」，可總結成：不支持。本人爲熱愛體育人士，年青時曾爲本地業餘田徑及足球運動員。上述僅屬個人愚見，祝願香港安定、繁榮。謝！</p>
92	<p>[quote] After the experience of the Beijing Olympics, I aware that the Shanghai Expo is more worthwhile... [/quote]</p> <p>The government can build more sports infrastructure, but not necessarily host the Asian Games. HK is famous enough, we don't need the Asian Games to boost our</p>

	image in 2023. Unless the government think that HK will be much worse than now in 12 years' time.
93	政府現預計將 447 億港元投資在申辦亞運會，我感到社會及經濟的效益肯定有，但真懷疑對體育發展的得者卻有多大，因為計劃中並無對目前的體育現況有多少針對性的幫助。首先，我認為本港體育會的架構仍有待改善。本港現有的體育會，組織較鬆散，偏向山頭主義，其架構是需要重整的，每個體育會只著眼於利益上，試看體育會的領導人多年來會否有變動/改組？甚至有壟斷資源之危機。另外，本港應投放資源在培訓更多的本地運動員，尤見在大型體育賽事中，政府帶頭急功近利，當中代表本港的，多由內地出來的運動員。故此，重點培訓本地運動員可能是一個更能造福香港社會的方案。
94	有言香港能成功申辦 2023 年亞運會，有助提升國際形象及社會地位。但依本人所見，現應重點考慮及檢視當下的香港特區有否能力成功申辦，而非過快則重於由其所帶來的利益與影響層面上。就地理因素及自身條件限制方面探討，香港欠缺足夠的體育設施和基礎資源，單是對七百萬市民的基本體育設施需求亦未能有效滿足；加上，一向的土地資源欠缺，事實上難以集中興建足夠的運動場或體育館以滿足亞運會的實際需求。在管理問題上，須知亞運會之賽事項目比東亞運更形繁多，即使分散場地或資源相信亦難以有效妥善管理，很大機會造成「各自為政」的情況產生。綜觀而言，現階段實不宜申辦 2023 年的亞運會，縱使香港已於 2008 年舉辦奧運馬術賽及去年的東亞運，同樣亦未見能由使令香港市民對體育事務的參與度有所提高，普遍的「體育冷感」依然存在；倒不如落實地由基本功夫造起，將有關資金撥款改善現有的體育設施和培訓運動員，如：增加練習場地及協助支持更多運動員出外比賽以累積更多經驗，將投資於未來才有更深遠的影響，尤以運動員的整體表現水平問題上改善，而非單純以數次大型運動會能達致預期效果。相信有待現有基礎發展更趨成熟，包括設備完善及運動員自身的水平質素提升等，才再考慮應否申辦亞運會和能否符合本港的整體利益更形恰當，亦是增加市民的投入度最有效的方法。
95	without a long term strategic planning, a single event cannot contribute much to the overall sports development. the huge spending on a single event has to be well justified by the benefits and signifiance in the long-term
96	Although Asian Game is a positve idea, the expense is just far too out of proportion in compare to building the bridge to Macau, the high-speed train to China, the fund to help the poor. It is more worth to spend the money in long-term investment for local people than in the Asian Game. Government may spend more money to support the sports training which may be more effective and more immediate to raise the standard of different sports in HK.

97	<p>申办亚运，单个方面看，的确有得失之分，每个人、不同的阶层、不同的角度都会有不同的评判。但就总体而言，即以香港在国际社会特别是亚洲地区的综合形象视之，其综合效应应当是值得肯定与支持的。我个人认为，除了上述体育发展、社会及经济方面的要素外，还要考虑文化的要素。毕竟香港是一个多元文化共存的文明体，是一个“well-developed city”，其发展的标志就是各种文化、各个种族、各种文明的平等共存，这一理念和价值正切合体育的某种精神追求。</p>
98	<p>No. The costs of putting together the games will be more than the returns. The costs can be put to better use than to such a grand show. 1) Facilities - As a person who enjoys playing ball with my friends on a weekly basis, there are not enough facilities in HK. BUT NOT the facilities that this proposal is proposing. We don't need stadiums with thousands of spectator seats (who's going to watch me play?) We need more, cheap facilities. Basketball courts are \$236/hr, badminton courts are \$59/hr. These prices are steep even for working people like me every week, how can students young people afford sports at these prices (even if they have student discounts)? 2) Lower health costs - one of the reasons that was cited by the Government is lower health costs. This is only half true. Competitive athletes push themselves to their physical limits, putting in serious risks of injuries. I've had my share of torn ligaments, sprains, and tears. I enjoy sports and that's why I live with this, but the health costs are tremendous. Yes, my heart is beating better, but my knees are going to have to be surgically replaced in the next 10 years.</p>
99	<p>九州聚鐵鑄一字</p>
100	<p>[quote][quote]After the experience of the Beijing Olympics, I aware that the Shanghai Expo is more worthwhile...[/quote]</p> <p>The government can build more sports infrastructure, but not necessarily host the Asian Games. HK is famous enough, we don't need the Asian Games to boost our image in 2023.</p> <p>Unless the government think that HK will be much worse than now in 12 years' time.[/quote]</p> <p>I agree with Dr. Lee's opinion.</p>
101	<p>I agreed Hong Kong would gain from hosting the Asian Games in 2023 in sport development, social and economic aspects. Hotel and tourism industry, retail and wholesaling would be the major areas. Social cohesion would be enhanced if HK sport team was sufficiently strong to shoot at Gold medal. Otherwise, negative impact may be obtained. I don't worry HK SAR gov't's capability in building sporting facilities and other infrastructure, organizing and hosting such mega event. However, how to train up our sport team to high standard at 'various' items, not so narrow at the moment, is a headache problem. I opined the hosting country/ city should have excellent sport</p>

	<p>performance, otherwise, she may be ashamed of that or 'lose face'. Gov't should carefully pre-think about our ability/ capability of this. I opined financial budget reservation for LegCo's approval is a critical hurdle to overcome, and how to demonstrate and persuade LegCo councillors and general public that we would not over-spend like other hosts is a Great Challenge !</p>
102	<p>There have been lots of ideas exchanged regarding the pros and cons of the issue. To make a short but vital comment, I just want to remind everybody that Hong Kong is not a Country and Hong Kong doesn't need the "pride" to show-off the strength or courage of Hong Kong athletics.</p> <p>What we need is to concentrate our resources to strengthen our economy and education to establish the position of Hong Kong, amongst all other asian cities in economical competition.</p> <p>Unless you think Hong Kong is a Country, then we should spend such a lot of effort to hold the Asian Games to build up the image of the Hong Kong Country.</p> <p>As Hong Kong is not going to be a Country, then just forget the controversial issue please.</p>
103	<p>It takes an event such as hosting the Asian Games for progress to make a bigger jump. Hong Kong as a city is mature enough to host such international event, so why not take up the challenge. This will be a good chance for the whole of Hong Kong to make this concert effort, to boost the city's spirit.</p>
104	<p>For Hong Kong to continue to be a major international city, it MUST bid for the Asian Games. The topic has sadly been beaten to death by political parties who are more interested in winning votes.</p> <p>We must think for the future of Hong Kong and for our next generation. By 2023, cities in China will catch up with us. We must plant the seeds now to protect the future of Hong Kong. The cost in monetary terms is not significant in comparison with the revenue from tourism, products, merchandising. Without the Asian Games, HK and its pple have nothing to look forward to other than to depend on cities in China and Asia.</p>
105	<p>HKSAR Gov't may consider to justify the budget or financial reservation in the following approach:</p> <p>Suppose each person of HKG is able to contribute HK\$ 10 per month, then each month we will have HK\$ 10 x 7M population = \$ 70M, and then each year we will have \$ 840M accumulated. Until 13 years later, the accumulation will reach \$ 840M x 13 = \$ 10,920M !!!Gov't may try this approach in reverse, i.e. to divide the budget into the smallest amount to be spent on each head of HK people !!</p>

106	<p>我相信申辦亞運會能在香港的體育發展、社會及經濟方面帶來裨益。因為正如一些取得今屆亞運金牌的運動健兒所言，健兒們很希望能在主場作賽，如能在主場贏得獎牌，令他們更覺自豪，因此，對本土運動員必能產生推動力，帶起運動熱潮。另一方面，2023 年距今有 13 年之久，倘能申辦成功，對一些讀書稍遜的青少年可以產生另一個目標，發掘他們的潛力，轉向體育事業發展，對培養青少年十分有好處。至於社會及經濟方面更不用說，因為體育設施的配套、旅遊的增值，必然為整個社會帶來經濟收益，亦會為社會帶出注重體育發展、注意健康、有生氣、有朝氣、有鬥志、向上奮發的精神。</p>
107	<p>以目前內外環境因素，若主政者精誠地去搞亞運會，沒甚麼大理由去反對的。就以刺激經濟活動為由，足以使我極之支持當局去申辦亞運會。</p> <p>猶記得三數十年前，非洲大陸眾多地方掙脫殖民統治，其中一新興國家舉行民主選舉（國名忘記），一位總統候選人在其字氣軒昂的演說中呼喊，若他當選總統，為使人人有工做，會不惜將好的道路掘爛再修建！真是何其壯哉！</p> <p>那時我雖然還是青少年，已認識到把完好的東西砸爛再重建是不切實際的作為，那是選舉語言，但我仍佩服這黑人總統候選人的認知，建設是創造就業其一法門，無論是硬體建設或是軟體建設。</p> <p>論財力，香港盈餘滿溢；論建設人才，精英不少，國內不就是延攬了很多香港才俊嗎？就做一次機會，讓仍留港及願意回流的才俊一起發光發熱，好給基層，甚或給年青人創造飯碗吧！</p> <p>辦好體育事業，對解決或舒緩目前種種青少年問題，是會有幫助的。</p> <p>有目標，有志向，慎用資源，精誠辦事，成功可期！</p>

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108	Hong Kong should co-host the 2023 Asian Game with Macau and Shenzhen for the following main reasons: 1. to optimise the available resources; 2. to strengthen the regional co-operation; 3. to develop our public health awareness; and 4. to upgrade our sportsmen standard If Hong Kong bids to host the Asian Game alone, I do not support because there are huge potential costs to us and limited space for the event. Co-hosted Asian Games can address these issues.
109	奧運時，政府要求香港本地慈善團體去響應，舉行有助宣傳的活動。東亞運動會時，主辦單位又找香港本地慈善團體出錢贊助活動。以這些方法去掩飾一些潛在成本，對整個社會並不公平。從過往的大型運動項目可見，香港並不適合主辦/協辦。好大喜功地宣傳，可惜售票及運作混亂，不少場地冷清。這並非社會投放大量資源後希望可見的結果。如果真的想提升年青運動員的能力及鼓勵市民參與體育，好應該認真地去策劃持續長遠的體育發展政策。
110	It seems that Hong Kong did not do well in previous international Sports event. Given that the Asian Games will incur great lost, I personally think that we have to think twice before we do it. Given that the local may not be extremely interested in Asian Games, Hong Kong people may give a strong pressure to the government.
111	With the past experience of the Olympic, I do not agree Hong Kong to host the 2023 Asian Games, cause they don't benefit to all concern.
112	No, the funds can be used to address much more important priorities in Hong Kong, including the drainage infrastructure, education, health care and pollution control. Spending billions of HK\$ on these games will not enhance the visibility and reputation of Hong Kong, which can be much better spent on the other priorities.
113	I do not think the hosting of the 2023 Asian Games will raise Hong Kong's profile. Hong Kong is not particularly strong in sports and she has many other priorities and competitive edges e.g. telecommunications, banking, logistic management, financial management. Hosting of international conferences and worldwide competitions in these areas may as well raise Hong Kong's profile. Hong Kong should focus the areas on which we should spend the public money.
114	Assuming financial resource is not an issue, I would support Hong Kong bidding for the right to host the Asian Games in 2023. However, we need to answer the following questions: 1. Do we have a sport culture in HK. Otherwise, how can we ensure a good participation at the Games and how to sustain the post Games momentum? 2. Do we have the leader to lead the Games. Otherwise, who is going the drive the thing forward

	bearing in mind we are talking about 13 years down the road. 3. Do we have the necessary expertise in hosting the Games. The Equestrian Event in 2008 and East Asian Games in 2009 revealed the fact that there was insufficient experienced staff within the Government machinery to run the show. 4. Do we need to host the Games by ourselves. Again, it is 13 years later and can we imagine the social and infrastructural integration between Hong Kong and Shenzhen by then.
115	It is a waste of public money. the Government should spend the estimated budget of \$4 billion on more worthy causes. Besides, Hong Kong is too small to hold an international sports event of this scale.
116	We should ask ourselves why HK should bid to host the 2023 Asian Games : For fame ? For management track record ? Or simply for the raising of HK athlete performance standard ? Personally I do not see a sound reason for HK to bid to host the 2023 Asian Games as the cost overweights the gains. This is more of a priority issue. There are more burning issues in HK that we need to resolve than to host the 2023 Asian Games. Issues such as to resolve the ever increasing cost of the Western and Eastern cross harbour tunnels, the never ending traffic jams we experience everyday at the Central Corss harbour tunnel, the need to develop more housing for the poor and elderly ... I truly believe that until we resolve these burning issues, then we should consider spending so much money to host the 2023 Asian Games.
117	I support HK hosting the 2023 game. 2023 is 13 years away and there is ample time for the government to promote a new generation of athelets WITH a goal in mind. Hosting of the 2023 game should not be solely a specific event for the government, but instead, it should be an entire Sporting Policy for the next generation, training the youngsters and setting a reachable goal for them. Furthermore, by hosting the Asian Game can learn valuable experiences for HK to host other big sporting events in the future - would we consider the Olympics or the World Cup (part-hosting city) in the future? Without the experiences of hosting the Asian Games, our CV will not allow us to consider anything bigger.
118	My immediate reaction was to be in favour, but having read the comments of various posters above, I am in agreement with them. As the example of other countries shows, the best way to promote sporting 'excellence' (ie winning medals at international events) is to provide athletes with generous financial and other incentives. Simply holding such an international event doesn't much help and may actually be counter-productive if the host country does not perform well.
119	No. Hong Kong doesnot have the envornment for this. Let us identify another suitable target to demonstrate our ability and expertise.

120	No, in HK we care about cost effectiveness. If you can run the 2023 Asian Games like the LA Olympics, fine, but we will be in red by running it.
121	<p>1/ Do you think hosting the Asian Games will help our athletes to achieve higher standards of performance? Looking back to the history, there is no evidence that hosting Asian Games will help hosting counties/cities'athlete to achieve higher standard of performance. I believe the root cause of it is that the standard of Asian Game is confined to the regional level which competition is not as high as that of Olympic game or other World Cup/Class sport competition. With less competitive environment, chances of breaking athletes' own limit are less than other world class standard. Evidence is shown in the Doha Asian Game that Qatar is not performing very well when compared its own performance in previous Games.</p> <p>2/ Do you think hosting the Asian game will be an important milestone for the development of sport in Hong Kong? For hosting a high standard of sports events such as Asian Game, I am sure it is an important milestone for the development of Sports in HK. However, whether the benefits of uplifting the sports standard of performance outweigh the cost of hosting it, it is the main concern of the public's attention. Like the controversy of XRL earlier this year, the main issues of the discussion was not on the benefits of having XRL, but at what costs that brought XRL into reality. Same principles apply in this topic.</p> <p>3/ Would it be in Hong Kong's overall interest, in sport development, social and economic terms, to host the Asian Game in 2023, having regard to the cost and other relevant consideration? The 2008 Olympics in Beijing helped improve the overall quality of life in China. An event this big will affect any nation for a long time. The Chinese government created opportunities and regulations to make the city enjoyable for residents and foreigners. Millions of tourists, journalists, and business people came to China, helping improve the country's economic and social life. I am sure the same will happens in Hong Kong but the scale would be much smaller. In the following paragraphs, I will analysis the benefit of hosting Asian Game in Hong Kong in five different perspectives. Jobs In the case of Beijing Olympic, employment soared even years before the 2008 Games were held. Beijing created jobs to help renovate and clean the city to welcome its visitors. According to the Beijing Olympic organizing committee, an estimated 1.8 million jobs were created solely due to the Olympics. It also brought in nearly 13.4 billion dollars to the city. This gives employers money to hire new resources creating new jobs in the future. However, according to the HKSAR Government's estimates, there will be about 10,450 to 11,170 jobs created. It is negligible when compared with the total work force of 3Million in Hong Kong.</p>

	<p>Transportation To accommodate the amount of people that came for the Games, Beijing increased its public transportation services. Subways doubled in size and capacity, more buses began running routes, and the government placed restrictions on car use. With more people using public transportation, the costs dropped and now buses are the cheapest form of transportation in China. There is no such benefit brought by the Asian Game to Hong Kong. Environment The increase in public transportation led to a reduction in air pollution. Factories around the city shut down to reduce smog in the air. Even after the Games ended, the efforts to keep a clean environment continued. About two-thirds of Beijing residents said the air has improved even after the 2008 Olympics, according to a Gallup poll cited by a report in allAfrica.com. Same as transportation, no such benefits for Hong Kong Asian Game. Public Health China opened free sports facilities for the general public to use. They wanted to improve the overall health of the population. These facilities stayed open after the Olympics and still remain free for the public. They have improved the fitness and health level of the average citizen in Beijing. Hong Kong citizen may also enjoy the facilities after the Game is over. But I doubt very much whether the public health will be better off by having the additional facilities built purposely for Asian Game, i.e. Multi-purpose Stadium Complex at Kai Tak and other new/redeveloped sports centres. Unity I remember that Beijing residents began taking courses and lessons to learn English and other languages when Beijing was awarded with the hosting cities of Olympic in 2008. This helped lift the language barrier when tourists came for the Games. An estimated 5 million residents learned how to speak English. People around the world attempted to learn Chinese as well before they visited the country for the Games. The Olympics helped unite citizens from countries around the world. With a Game only gained regional attention like the Asian Game, I believe that social cohesiveness and unity will be improved in a very moderate degree. The size of the Game is not attractive enough to unite citizens from countries around the globe. At the cost of HK\$10.5 Billion, I believe that hosting Asian Game in Hong Kong in 2023 is totally not justified.</p>
122	<p>香港應否申辦 2013 年亞運會，政府要認真考量。主辦亞運會無疑有助於提升香港的國際地位，但在未達到提升全民運動意識、普及體育運動的大環境下，政府要評估舉辦亞運會將可帶來的經濟和社會效益與動用的公帑和付出能否成正比。否則，不應急著申辦亞運。再說，香港已是一個國際金融、物流、文化大都會，運動並非香港的特長，主辦亞運會之後也不一定就能吸引國際體育賽事來香港舉辦。所以，申辦 2013 年亞運會的迫切性並不是很大。當前，香港貧富懸殊嚴重，政府的公帑和精力應集中在如何改善民生，盡快縮短貧富差距。貧窮情況獲得改善後，市民才有時間和精力進行體育運動。政府也亦全力加快推進體育發展，到了市民對體育的興趣和運動員的技能跟上內地的大城市，再提出申辦亞運會，方</p>

	<p>為上策。正如政府所言，主辦亞運會可為香港帶來明顯的好處。儘管這些好處大多難以準確量化，但透過舉辦亞運會，我們能夠提供更好的體育設施讓市民參與體育活動、提倡健康生活、提升運動員的水平、推動本地體育發展、加強社會凝聚力，以及鞏固香港作為亞洲國際都會及國際體育盛事之都的地位。政府這個定位和目標是非常正確的，無論是否決定申辦 2013 年亞運，都應朝這個目標大力推動體育運動。像內地，中小學的體育課都很正規，並需通過嚴格的考試。評選優秀學生，體育是評估的重要指標之一。反觀香港，如以前上學，雖然學校也舉辦校運會，但一般對體育運動不是很重視，對體育課也沒有嚴格的要求。如果不培養從小鍛煉身體的習慣，難以真正推廣體育發展，達到全民健康的目標。關於政府運動場的租用，本人曾在巴士上聽到市民的對話，說較近家裡的場地很難預訂，故要到較遠的運動場。這也說明有些運動場的使用率不高，政府要加強推廣工作，以吸引市民使用的興趣。市民現時都很注重健康，不過都傾向依賴保健品。如何通過提倡體育運動，鍛煉身體，增強全民健康生活，政府應加把勁。市民健康了，便為社會增添活力，為香港增添魅力。</p>
123	<p>yes. This will help to promote sports in hong kong, which is good for everyone especially the young generation.</p>
124	<p>Asian Games would involve over 45 countries to participate in more than 40 different sports disciplines. In comparison, this is the kind of sports event in a scale so much larger and complex than the East Asian Games and the single sport event, Equestrian in Olympic 2008. As recognised by many of the local people, Hong Kong do not have a good culture in sports, and the athletes' standard is generally low. If we are going to bid the Games, apart from the 3 billion dollars on organisation and promotion, it needs to assign extra cost in the next 13 years to train up the athletes and to recruit high level coaches from outside the town. Otherwise, we are in great doubt on how the Games can build up a great sense of belongings, and share the Glory of Hong Kong, if the performance of our athletes are so low. Hong Kong is a densely populated city, space is always limited. If we wish to proudly present the Games, naturally we need to locate a few pieces of land to build sports centres for swimming, track &amp; field, etc. Can we afford these? Our existing facilities may be just good enough for East Asian Games, but not for an Asian Games! Alternatively, the government may consider to support individual national sports associations to organise more international championships on single event. Good examples are Hong Kong Marathon, Rugby Seven, World Women's Volleyball, etc. We can expand to other sports disciplines.</p>
125	<p>Hong Kong should not bid for the Asian Games alone. We may consider collaborating with PR China, for example, Guangzhou, to do it.</p>

126	<p>1. Do you think hosting the Asian Games will help our athletes to achieve higher standards of performance ? This question is misleading and will most people to respond positively. However, we must not lose sight of the fact that with or without hosting the Games, there are many ways to help our athletes to achieve higher standards of performance. If sport and events are viewed upon as a way to gain more medals for Hong Kong, this is an approach which I would not agree. The event itself without long term support will only give us a short term effect, at best.</p> <p>2. Do you think hosting the Asian Games will be an important milestone for the development of sport in Hong Kong ? I don't think there is any relevance between the two. Athletes participate in the games only but there are many other activities to support the games and this would be at the expenses of other projects.</p> <p>3. Would it be in Hong Kong's overall interest , in sport development, social and economic terms to host the Asian Games in 2023, having regard to the cost and other relevant considerations. Based on the consultation document, the Games will not bring substantial benefit to Hong Kong . Other comments To most Hong Kong people, Asian Games is something nice to watch at leisure and to chat about. Unlike Olympic Games, it is definitely not the highlight. By linking the Games to promoting higher athletic performance is even less relevant. Hong Kong people may like sports and outdoor recreation, we may not be fond of competitive sports . Given the crowdedness of the city , the long working hours, the difficulty to sustain good living by being an average athletes, and normally good results come from athletes immigrating from China, the scene is not right by linking the two together. Instead of hard selling the project and in the end if we are not moving ahead with Asian Games, please explain to Hong Kong community what you would do to improve support for sport and events. In fact , HK Govt. should not wait to introduce improvements to sport venues. Misuse should also be stopped immediately as often football pitches ( in particular Victoria Park) are booked for exhibitions/events on Sundays removing the opportunity to using the place for sports.</p>
127	<p>2023-1010=13 I think 13 years should be enough for any kind of preparation and marketing of a big event. While I do support to bid, I do hope that our government will give some serious support to the local sports community and heavily promote sports and health.</p>

128	<p>Based on the lessons learnt from our previous involvement in Olympic Games and the public responses to sport activities years ago, I don't think Hong Kong and the overall general public will receive the proposed benefits as stated by the Government. Moreover, the resources so skewed to this sports event can better serve the needy in the society. My feeling is that the Government intentionally trim the budget from \$14 billion to 6 billion for the sake of countering public outcry. This drastic downwardly adjusted cost estimate to \$6 billion in hosting the 2023 Asiad is not realistic by compared with what has been used in Guangzhou Asiad (RMB 122.6 billion). By no means I am convinced that such an estimate is pragmatic nor justifiable for a "qualified" regional event. There were incidents that the Government asked for huge additional project funds after approval and project engagement.</p>
129	<p>The haul of gold medals have not impressed me. Many of the HK athletes were actually surplus athletes from China. While I welcome them to HK and I am glad to see that they have a chance to compete (they can only remain as understudy if they stay in China), HK cannot take credit for their success. HK did not offer the foundation for their success, and many of them were still training in China. They have not integrated themselves with the society. I would say only half of the medals were won by home-grown athletes. It is like dumping hairy carbs from other places into Yangchun Lake for a few days, and then sell them off as Yangchun Lake hairy carb.</p> <p>Having more medals will not promote sports in general, as they are the elite sportmen and sportwomen.</p> <p>As I pointed out earlier, it would be better to build 18 smaller sports facilities (1 in each district) rather than to build a big one. I have heard complaints from many who say it is difficult to book badminton courses in public sports centres due to the shortage of supply. Having a stadium like the Bird's Nest will not help.</p> <p>I have no objection to hosting an international event to promote the international image, but the use of a justification based on sports is a lame one.</p>
130	<p>More emphasis is now on the development of a whole person for the generations to come. Sports can lead to healthier body and mind. Money and resources will only come if we have a more healthier, more coherent and more happier society. It will also enhance or rather maintain the high status of Hong Kong amongst the emerging and competing cities around us. With limited resources, we have to pick and choose. I think Hong Kong is more than able to afford HK\$30 billion (the present value) over a period of more than years, much of it is on capital investment. I am in full support of the bid.</p>
131	No.

132	<p>Hong Kong should not bid to host the 2023 AG. I don't see any reason for HK's overall interest to make the bid. In terms of economic return, the games is very likely to result in huge loss. In terms of promoting healthier lifestyle for the whole society, there is no direct link between hosting the games and people's involvement in sports, as the games is more about entertainment for spectators, not involvement in sports. Instead the bid to host the AG just serves the interests of a tiny group of people, yet the whole society may be forced to pay the bill.</p>
133	<p>I have recently been to Guangzhou Asian Games. Here are the things that I was impressed and for the sake of discussion, I would think these points worth time to think about:</p> <p>1) I was astonished at the grandness of the Guangzhou International Sport and Performing Arena. The basketball court is state of the art. It was a very pleasant experience watching game there, even I can hardly claim myself as a basketball fans. It's a NBA standard court and apparently, some NBA standard games will be hosted here from now on. Absolutely great news to basketball fans. Do we also want an arena as such in Hong Kong given that we are an international city?</p> <p>2) We also enjoyed 2 men's volleyball matches-- Taiwan vs Turkmenistan, Pakistan vs Indonesia. I enjoyed the match and also enjoyed my time explaining to the girl I went with where Turkmenistan and Pakistan are. We cheered for all 4 teams. International games bring countries closer. In the tough world brought by globalisation, our next generation needs to have their mind more opened up to welcome other nationalities. In Asian games, the girl witnessed every country, every team, every person can be good at something. She cheered for Taiwan more because she felt that being a Chinese, that is what she should do. No civil education class can achieve the same results.</p> <p>I support the bid for the game even though I share the same concern with others on the budget and the limited space we have. If we never start igniting something, there will be nothing in the pipeline. If we want better sports related policy, better arena, better spirit, all have got to start from the point when we enter our bid as a host to the games.</p> <p>This is Hong Kong. We live in a city that measures cost-effectiveness. Without the captial investment, there shall be no need for effect. Hence nothing will happen. Our sporting world will still be what it is now.</p> <p>We shall ride on the capital investment to be made for the games to have other higher objectives, just like Guangzhou, which is now an enlarged city covering more suburban area, anticipating a higher GDP.</p> <p>So yes, let's go for it.</p>

134	<p>個人極力反對香港申辦亞運，原因在於：</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 申辦亞運顯然並非香港當務之急，除非我們能率先找到新的經濟增長點，日後申辦亞運，才有較殷實的經濟基礎；</li> <li>2. 根據興建高鐵等事件所引起的社會紛爭顯示，申辦亞運不僅不可能凝聚香港社會，反而有極大機率引發更多的社會矛盾和爭議，申辦亞運很可能變成削弱而非鞏固本港脆弱的社會共識基礎。</li> </ol>
135	<p>Yes, I support Hong Kong bid to host the 2023 Asian Games.</p> <p>The record breaking results of Hong Kong Athletes in the Guangzhou Asian Games make me think twice on whether or not we should support Hong Kong to bid for Asian Games 2023.</p> <p>Failures are common in life and it is an often repeated proverb that “failure is the stepping stone to success”. Whenever we face failure in life, our family and friends support us by giving consolation and encouraging us to move forward with greater effort and better preparation to meet newer opportunities and tougher challenges. I am sure this is the spirits of sports so as to what we always called the “Hong Kong Spirit”.</p> <p>Hosting Asian Games is not only about “National Pride”. It also encourages the Hong Kong people to support sports. Throughout the years, whenever Hong Kong Athletes achieved very good results in Olympic and Asian Games (Lee Lai-shan, gold medalist in windsurfing in the Olympics 1996, Wong Kam Po, gold medalist in cycling in the Asian Games in 1998, 2006 and 2010.), there is one thing in common. They always asked for support from the Government to improve the facilities. It is common to find that the training and racing facilities in Hong Kong are below world standard. This is the reason why I feel ashamed when they achieved good results in Asian Games. Though we share the joy of success, we, including myself, showed little support to Hong Kong athletes in achieving good results in sports.</p> <p>In a radio interview, Secretary for Home Affairs Tsang Tak-sing said Hong Kong's good law and order situation, well-built infrastructure and efficient transport system makes the city a good fit for hosting international sports events. He continued that event facilities would have to be built in the next 13 years regardless of whether Hong Kong ends up hosting the Games. I am sure most Hong Kong people would share the same thought that the Games will enhance public health awareness and social cohesion.</p> <p>Hong Kong government study projected the cost of operating the games at between</p>

HK\$13.7 billion and HK\$14.5 billion, although part of it will be offset by revenue generated from ticket sales, souvenir merchandise and private sponsorships. The cost, however, does not cover the HK\$30.17 billion earmarked for construction of eight new venues or the quantified benefits from potential jobs created and receipts from inbound tourism. The cost of hosting East Asian Games was at around HK\$300 million. Given the much larger scale and significance of Asian Games, such cost would be many folds of what EAG cost. But with ample fiscal reserves, there is no doubt Hong Kong has the financial strength to host the event if it wishes to. The outstanding question that continues to linger is whether locals throw their support the government-funded Asian Games.

Many do feel that investing money and resources on such events is wastage of our finances and should instead be used to train sportspersons of the city. But organising such events at home turf will mean giving opportunities for more athletes to take part in international events and will help boost their confidence and gain them exposure to world class competition. I believe that the benefits of hosting Asian Games will outweigh the cost of it. Infrastructure and other facilities developed in the host city would benefit the citizens if done in a proper and planned manner. The Games can be used in shaping and building the city in a better manner and to provide the people of the city with improved amenities after the event. Roads, flyovers, metros etc built for the event will improve the life of the people. Also the stadium erected for the Games can be used for training.

Take Guangzhou Asian Games 2010 as an example, hosting Asian Games help the long-term development of the city. Guangzhou has built Asian Games venues and their supporting facilities in different clusters as a pavement for its transition to a multi-centre city. After the Games, the Asian Games Town will become a new residential area and the launch zone of the Guangzhou New Town - a major project for the city's southward expansion. Elsewhere, the post-Games use of the venues reflects lasting benefits for the people: venues in the Guangzhou Higher Education Mega Centre will greatly enhance the universities' infrastructure for physical education; the Zengcheng Dragon Boat Lake will open to the public as a park; the Guangzhou Equestrian Venue in Conghua will be used as a training base of the Hong Kong Jockey Club and expected boost Conghua's tourism; the Asian Games Town Gymnasium will be able to host basketball, volleyball and badminton matches as well as exhibitions and concerts.

All in all, I wish Hong Kong would host the Asian Games 2023. I also wish that I will

	<p>be proud of the good results achieved by Hong Kong athletes in Asian Games 2023. By that time, I will be confident to tell people that I have contributed my share of support to Hong Kong athletes, I supported Hong Kong in hosting the Asian Games 2023.</p>
136	<p>2010 年廣州亞運會已圓滿結束，香港運動員為本港努力爭勝，奪得 8 金 15 銀 21 銅的驕人成績，在獎牌榜上總排名為第 11 位。今年亞運會為第 16 屆，也是中國自 1990 年於北京舉行亞運後，第二次由中國地區來舉辦，而參加國家和地區則多達 45 個。然而，對於香港提出申辦 2023 年第 19 屆亞運會，本人和其他多數香港人一樣，抱有保留的態度，對本港應否花費大量資源來籌辦體育活動，和中國地區能否在短期內第三次主辦亞運，實在存有很大的疑問。儘管香港在去年成功舉辦了東亞運動會，但是參賽國家及地區只有 9 個，而亞運會的規模，單是參賽國家便已是東亞運的 5 倍！</p> <p>以土地資源為例，畢竟香港地少人多，可用作興建大型運動設施的場地不多。在現時樓價高企的情況下，由於土地供應不足，已令 80 後的畢業生在置業上出現困難。申辦亞運會公眾諮詢文件也表明，政府會考慮與鄰近城市（例如內地城市或澳門）合辦一至兩個在香港找不到合適場地舉行的比賽項目，這不單意味著香港有機會尋找深圳甚至廣州合辦，也將稍弱香港有能力獨立申辦賽事的公信力。</p> <p>透過舉辦東亞運，政府已經喚醒市民對體育的意識和關注，也增強了多項體育設施，使市民受惠，可是我們有必要通過申辦亞運會，再花 400 多億港元來改造和興建更多的體育場地嗎？諮詢文件提出『主辦亞運會可直接／間接創造約 10,450 至 11,170 個職位，並會吸引約 49,000 至 69,000 名遊客訪港。按現時的價格水平計算，可量化的經濟收益估計可達 4 至 6 億元』。可是這些職位多只屬短期性質，當體育場地建成，而為期兩個多星期的亞運會結束後，許多臨時職位便會消失，因此並未能為就業人口帶來可持續性的新職位。若以從旅遊業可量化的經濟收益與開支來作初步比較，更顯得亞運會將很大機會是入不敷支。</p> <p>其實，香港在亞太地區算是非常發達的城市，我們並不需要藉著亞運會以提升香港在國際上的知名度，而且亞運會所帶來的旅遊收益相當有限。香港理應繼續專注發展金融業、會展業和服務業，保持其領先的優勢，也能吸引商務和觀光購物旅客，而不應分散資源投入到發展體育產業。此外，社會上我們依然有許多民生問題急需要金錢來解決。除了以上曾提及的住屋問題，還有青少年的教育問題、人口老化帶來的醫療和社會福利問題等，都需要政府正視。若政府能有效地運用 400 多億港元的財政資源，為人才提供專業的培訓，鼓勵社會創造如醫療、護理和安老等有關行業的可持續新職位，以應付社會逼切的需求，這才是為保持香港經濟繁榮發展的治本做法。</p>

137	<p>Personally, support to bid but preferably to co-host with neighboring cities like Macau, Shenzhen, etc. for sharing financial and operational risks. However, the majority of present atmosphere seems and sounds NOT to be in favor of that unless we let the local sportmen/ women as well as our next generation --primary and secondary students vote. No matter successful or not for LegCo to pass, my vote is still on YES.</p>
138	<p>我個人同意此建議不是全贊成,雖然此次亞運成績好理想,但要重溫政府曾承諾加建擴大多撥資源等全部空談,又浪費政府大球場之用量,又要在學校擴推各項運動,多在周日舉行體育運動,可令學生們全身投入,又健康又可延接將來國外舉辦之各項運動會,有設施,有實力,那怕市民反對任何運動會承辦或參予?</p>
139	<p>Hong Kong-as an international city, a major financial centre, shopping heaven, tourist attraction &amp; a cosmopolitan uniqueness.It has certain expectation to fulfil this role to sustain this reputation!</p> <p>HK has never been that ‘famous’ in their sporting achievement, nothing too much to show in popular sporting pursuits. But nonetheless Olympic gold in windsurfing has been a rare occasion that uplifted the spirit of HK, a proud moment that persists to date &amp; an encouragement to budding athletes to aspire to higher accolade.</p> <p>The success of recent Asian Game has been a national pride; it triggers of many others updated facilities, catering all complimentary amenities in support of this show-piece event. It extends much beyond just simply sporting matters.</p> <p>The infrastructural of the city has gotten the catalyst to catch up with the latest innovations; it totally revamped the city with the transportation system, buildings, housings, policing, social behaviours, interaction with foreigners, catering taste, leisure activities etc that came under the microscopes of visitors.</p> <p>The success in bidding this major event would surely act as an incentive for the government to take lead to implement all these facilities in place. It’ll mobilise all its citizens to participate in an orderly manner, a unifying force with a focus to please, not to lose face!</p> <p>It goes beyond simply financial evaluation whether we would recoup the cost. The return would be impossible to quantify but will continue to reap reward on a long term basis.</p> <p>It would be a privilege to bid &amp; to succeed to hold the Asian Game.</p>

140	本人認為香港不應申辦 2023 年亞洲運動會，香港不應該花那麼多的代價去舉辦這類活動。政府應投入部份資源於運動員培訓，讓香港運動員多參與國際活動。政府應投入資源於市政市容方面，改善環境，進一步提升香港形象。
141	本人贊成香港申辦亞運。本人認為香港需要不時舉辦一些盛事以保持香港人的活力精神。最近「清明上河圖」所帶來的熱潮，90 萬人次的市民參與了這次活動，到場的市民都會感受到其所帶來的社會效益。政府儲備雄厚，財政應不成問題。事實上，舉辦亞運的使費與其他扶貧等資本性投資並不相沖，所以本人亦籲請政府不應繼續做守財奴，除了申辦亞運，亦要多作社會資本的投資，解決貧富不均的情況。香港的儲備實在無需這麼多。投放多些作長遠的規劃吧。

<b>Topic ID 5:</b> 東亞運動會和亞運同為國際性大型運動會，總結香港剛舉辦東亞運動會的經驗，究竟香港有沒有能力舉辦一次好的亞洲運動會？	
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142	<p>東亞運動會有九個國家和地區參與，比賽項目廿二個，去年香港申辦完東亞運，斥資三億港元。亞洲運動會有多達四十五個國家和地區參與，比賽項目逾四十個，現在政府提出申辦 2023 年的亞運會，直接成本約為一百三十七至一百四十五億。香港剛舉辦完一個國際性的大型運動會，現在提出申辦另一個更大型、更有規模的運動會，我認為，總結東亞運的經驗，對於評估香港有沒有能力再去申辦亞運是有一定幫助的。希望大家可以就這方面作出討論。我認為，申辦亞運開支的多少並不是重點，關鍵在於用得其所。去年香港舉辦的東亞運中，共三十三萬張門票可供發售，最後雖售出超過二十六萬五千張，但當中十二萬張是由馬會購買，贊助超過八百所本地學校的師生入場觀看賽事，間接導致入場率偏低，初賽日的平均入場率只得三成，加上部分賽事不設即場售票，變成「有飛無人睇，有人無飛睇」的怪現象。其次，東亞運的宣傳不足，氣氛冷清，東方日報於 2009 年 1 月 30 日的報導引述的一項調查顯示，有三成半十八歲以上的受訪者不知道香港將舉辦東亞運，逾四分之一則認為東亞運宣傳力度不足夠及非常不足夠。總結市民對東亞運的冷淡，東亞運並未有帶動普遍市民參與體育的風氣，而改善體育設施，即使沒有亞運或東亞運都可以推行，因此，申辦亞運的目的如果繼續只是帶動公眾參與體育活動、改善體育設施等等，那這決定顯然非常值得懷疑。現在，政府提出申辦亞運的諮詢，諮詢期卻只有六星期，社會上難以在短時間內凝聚共識，希望東亞運的經驗可以成為其中一個決定是否申辦亞運的考慮角度，帮助大家思考。</p>
143	<p>其實，如果政府真的申辦 2023 年亞運，距離現在還有十三年，時間尚算充裕，但政府必須以東亞運為鑑，盡早進行宣傳、建設、籌辦等等，更可於舉辦亞運前試辦多一些國際性賽事，測試各方面的籌備工作，不可以再事事都「臨急抱佛腳」，籌備亞運的過程才是亞運真正可帶給香港的好處，如何發展長遠的建設、重視健康體育的人文精神、培養傑出的本地運動員等等，才是未來十三年籌備工作的重點。</p>
144	<p>I wonder if Hong Kong and Shenzhen could together host the Asian Games. This is a good opportunity to test the 1-country 2-systems if it works. We have 13 years to work out the plans. Can this be deviating from the idea of making Hong Kong more visible with sports; or could this collaboration be made to bridge the gap of HK &amp; Mainland with Shenzhen as the pilot scheme?</p>

145	<p>I don't think the East Asian games is too successful. It is not well promoted to HK people and the sport facilities in HK remain fragmented and unsatisfactory. HK is not spacious and there are major geographical limitations to conduct a good Asian Games. Should we leave it to another country as Guangzhou just conducted it at the end of 2010?</p>
146	<p>支持香港申辦 2023 亞運會</p> <p>對於香港提出申辦 2023 年亞洲運動會的構思，除了能幫助強化香港成為舉辦國際盛事的地點以外，亞運會本身亦代表一個指標，讓申辦地區表現出達至世界級體育水平的引證，此舉對於特區政府一直推行體育政策、強化本地體壇及支援香港運動員等各方面，都能發揮一個提升及深化的作用。</p> <p>再者，香港申辦亞運會成功與否，在過程中也是個難能可貴的經驗外，亦是特區政府藉此向國際社會展示香港的城市管理、文化特色和創意。亦可將體育文化普及化，鼓勵全民參與，打造健康社會。</p> <p>至於興建體育場館方面，長遠而論，全面提升香港體育設備的質素，興建達到國際標準的體育場館，有助培養香港運動員的素質。古語有云：工欲善其事，必先利其器。世界上亦沒有不勞而獲的道理，希望香港運動員的表現大躍進的大前題，必須為他們作出支援。再說，大部份的體育基建，於完成盛會的時候，可繼續使用，對於現時康體處轄下一些熱門運動如：羽毛球、網球、乒乓球及壁球等租用場地經常爆滿，要知道 13 年後的人口必定會更加稠密，這些設施將有助舒緩將來不敷應用的需求，這樣對於推行全民運動將指日可待。</p> <p>因此，本人對於特區政府申辦 2023 年亞洲運動會表示非常贊同。更希望本港能夠藉著舉行大型體育盛會為香港年青人帶來新的發展空間及原動力。</p>

<b>Topic ID 7:</b> Hong Kong should not host the 2023 Asian Game as our resource should be used somewhere else	
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147	I do not think that HK should host the above game as the cost involved is significant. In fact, the capital expenditure spending will further heat the the current overheated construction and building sector. Separately, the total cost involved is over HK dollar 10 billions which should be devoted to other areas such as aged population social welfare, education, medical and other areas. Participating in the game is good but hosting is a luxury for a city like HK.
148	I am in the same idea that HK should not and also not at the atmosphere to hold this 2023 Asian Game not due to just the readiness and culture of HK people on sports, but also due to the limited and available resources we have now on hand to apply for this sports game to be held in HK.  There are lots of priority concerns among the people and government, lets work hard with concerted effort to resolve, develop and make the best use of the limited resources for the most needy areas first.
149	I think so as the 2023 Asian Games in HK as the investment in stadiums is huge. There are a lot of initiatives that are on the priority list, ie. medical expenses and education expenses which can improve the competitive power of the HK in the future.
150	I opined they are separate issues for consideration. Social resources allocation and utilization need 'Balance' for a 'healthy' development of society.

Topic ID 8: 延長申亞諮詢 助港正面發展	
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151	<p>民政事務局局長曾德成於日前宣布，延長申辦亞運會的諮詢期一個月至 12 月 1 日為止。政府順應民意，市民應對政府申亞的誠意予以肯定，兩方更應把握時間，在諮詢期內解決疑難、凝聚共識，共同為香港作出最好的選擇。</p> <p>在曾局長宣傳有意申亞的一刻開始，港人已意識到諮詢期太短的問題。有人批評政府「踢一腳先郁一郁」，亦有人批評政府「做戲」：非等到政黨表示反對，才藉延長諮詢期作聆聽民意的公關手段。</p> <p>筆者認為，這些「陰謀論」不置可否，因為決定是否申亞時，應取決於是否事件對香港有利，故無必要對政府的動作作出不必要的揣摩。</p> <p>不知從何時開始，港人習慣了以刁難的態度去對待香港政府。指出政府做得不妥善的地方本無問題，惟盲目的反對，只會令事情不斷倒退，香港的發展亦只會停滯不前。以是次申亞事件為例，基於輿論的圍攻下，申辦亞運會彷彿有弊無利，大多港人都忽略了港府一直以來對運動界的投入及是次申亞對香港的得益。</p> <p>其實，香港政府一直都有推動運動發展，過去 5 年就投入了 35 億元在地區興建體育設施；民政事務局每年亦會給予香港體育學院約 1 億 6 千萬元的經常性撥款，作培訓及支援精英運動員、支持精英體育項目的發展。以上有關於本地體育的資訊，皆與是次應否申辦亞運息息相關，港人不應只把焦點放在申亞的成本上，以免過於負面看待申辦亞運。事實上，政府預算申亞總開支的 447 億元內，當中的 302 億元早已在政府對長遠體育發展的規劃之內，港人是否應繼續「鑽牛角尖」，鐵定亞運不應申辦？無論如何，諮詢期延長了，港人有更多時間去了解香港體育的發展及未來方向，對香港整體發展自然是好事。</p> <p>民政事務局常秘楊立門指若不舉辦國際活動，國際可能會不記得香港這重要地方。筆者認為，此話有一定的道理，試想想，若非香港曾成功舉辦 2008 年北京奧運馬術比賽和主辦 2009 東亞運動會，相信港人也未必記得香港曾為體育界如此負出過，更何況國際呢？！香港作為東方之珠，如單靠國際金融中心作為招徠，不作多方面的嘗試，東方之珠的顏色或會於他日光芒減退、有所失色。在成本、體育發展及國際形象之間，香港應取得平衡，作出最明智的選擇。我們還有個多月時間可以細談，港人請攜手努力，為香港發聲！</p> <p>2010.10.04 刊於成報</p>

152	<p>我是支持申辦亞運的，但心情十分矛盾。原因一：13 年後的香港，如無意外，已經落實普選行政長官和立法會，社會的共識是更加統一還是更大分歧呢？原因二：社會已進入人口老化的年代，全民的身心保健，有否得到保障？原因三：香港的經濟發展，經濟轉型是否成功？這些都是令人擔心不已的因素！其實在申辦亞運的過程，正需要官民合作，正如西九文化區的建設和亞運的籌辦，一文一武，隻翼齊飛，這對全民的社會歸熟感，對全民的身心素質，對香港的國際形象，都是非常有利的。</p> <p>爲何政府每個大舉動，都會遇到強烈的反對聲音呢？首先，政府要檢討平時爭取民心的工作做得怎樣，爭取民心，先做好提高民智。我發覺不少香港人都伴隨電視劇集成長，這十年來的劇集主調總離不開兩代情仇、家族紛爭、追名逐利、爾虞我詐，它帶給觀眾有什麼好處呢？不外是超短視、只顧現實利益，物資至上，一點兒深度都沒有。試問有四成香港人不愛運動，原因是爲兩餐，無時間嗎？這只不過是藉口而已，真正重視運動，可以打太極，做八段錦，跑步等，只花半小時該足夠了。現在，只盼政府在鼓吹申亞之餘，同時推出 10 年體育規劃，其中包括辦體育大學、振興足運、每年舉辦多次國際體育比賽，渣打國際馬拉松着實非常成功，端午國際龍舟賽也很悅目。本港 10 間大專院校，大可舉辦鄰近地區各項賽事，同時顧及持續發展，營造體育文化氛圍。今後政府在推動重大舉措，不僅釘着錢財、政黨，也要重視民間、業界的聲音。</p>
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