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### Ordinary Yearly Meeting (23 May 2022)

#### President's Report 2021 - 2022

The 2021-2022 season has been a disruptive one. Nevertheless, we are delighted to see Thomas Ho and Tayberry representing Hong Kong at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. At the same time, Natasha Tse and Fleur Schrader competed in the individual events at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games while Timothy Tsang and his partnering horse Cethegus M had unfortunately withdrawn from the competition due to horse injury. Kenneth Cheng represented Hong Kong at the 14<sup>th</sup> National Games individual jumping competitions and achieved 5<sup>th</sup> place. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our riders for their dedication and hard work and express my gratitude to all team officials who have contributed their time and efforts to help our riders succeed.

The ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and its devastating effects have been extremely difficult for everyone, particularly for our riders as they are unable to train and compete. Most of our local events, including the annual Horse of the Year Show and the FEI Dressage World Challenge could not take place.

In the face of the unprecedented and challenging epidemic situation, HKEF continues to step up its efforts to deliver equestrian contents and promote the sport online, including the Equestrian Sports Promotional Programme - Virtual Visits to Riding School, HKEF Online Dressage Series, virtual Christmas Party and other online sharing sessions. We have put in significant efforts to establish important policies, such as the HKEF Anti-Sexual Harassment Policy, HKEF Children and Vulnerable Adults Safeguarding Policy and HKEF Privacy Policy. After thorough consideration, the Executive Committee has decided to change the HKEF financial year-end from 31<sup>st</sup> August to 31<sup>st</sup> March. By aligning our financial year with that of the Government's, we expect to create further efficiency and cost savings on our accounting and auditing requirements. In order to comply with regulations under the Companies Ordinance, two Ordinary Yearly Meetings (OYM) will be held this year. Further information will be provided to members in due course.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank members of the Executive Committee and Subcommittees for their wise counsel and support. I also want to extend my sincere gratitude to our partners, officials, volunteers, supporting team, and to those who work tirelessly behind the scenes for their support in the development of our sport.

I hope our activities will gradually return to normalcy. We appreciate your patience and look forward to a brighter season.

Michael Lee  
President



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#### Education & Promotion Sub-Committee (EPSC) Report 2021 - 2022

Chairman:	Ms. I-Ping Soong	
Members:	Dr. Simon Griffin	Ms. Kathryn Charlesworth
	Ms. Catherine Sing	

#### In summary

- The four one-day events held before the closure of riding schools made it possible to determine a winner for the Senior Inter-school Eventing Challenge and an award was made on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April.
- The long hiatus from 7<sup>th</sup> January to 21<sup>st</sup> April meant that most Lower Division riders had been unable to ride. Hence, together with continuing restrictions on group numbers, there is not enough time to run the Lower Division competition of the HKEF Inter-school Equestrian Challenge. Entry fees have been refunded.
- The Higher Division competition of the HKEF Inter-school Equestrian Challenge has adopted a video-entry format, with submissions to be made on or before 13<sup>th</sup> June.

#### HKEF Inter-school Equestrian Challenge

2022 marks the sixteenth year of the HKEF Inter-school Equestrian Challenge. This competition was originally conceived not only to encourage young riders to develop their skills, but also to bring equestrian sports to the attention of a wider audience via schools. Despite the continuing COVID- restrictions and school/riding school closures this year, this competition continues to be well supported, with (before school / riding school closures) over 56 entries from riders representing 16 schools, which is a testament to the depth of the love for our sport.

##### *Higher and Lower Divisions*

The competition comprises a Higher Division for relatively competent riders, aged 12-16 years; and, a Lower Division, for riders newer to competition and aged 10-14 years. The coveted prize for the winning Higher Division team has been, in previous years, with a maximum value of HK\$8,000 for the equestrian training programme. In the Lower Division, the individual champion's prize is an award with a maximum value of HK\$2,000 for the equestrian training programme.

#### Senior Inter-school Eventing Challenge

The Senior Interschool Eventing Challenge was added to the competition calendar in 2019 and has been a source of local talent. This competition is aimed at accomplished riders aged 14-18 years and competitors who have competed at the Senior Inter-school Eventing Competition have gone on to train overseas and even represent Hong Kong.



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### **The Mini Inter-school Competitions and Warm-up Shows**

To encourage young riders to compete on behalf of their schools and to help school teams to practise, a number of 'mini' inter-school competitions (LWSC) and 'warm-up' shows (TMPRS) were planned from October 2021 to January 2022. For these we received 111 entries from 10 schools. From October to December, we managed to hold five competitions at LWSC and three at TMPRS with a total of 69 riders from 10 schools taking part. Unfortunately, none of the scheduled competitions could subsequently take place.

### **Lower Division**

The suspension of lessons in riding schools between 7<sup>th</sup> January to 21<sup>st</sup> April meant that most Lower Division riders had been unable to ride at all. Hence, together with continuing restrictions on group numbers, there would not be enough time to run the Lower Division competition of the HKEF Inter-school Equestrian Challenge before the end of the school term in June and before the wet weather. HKEF has offered riders/schools the opportunity to have entry fees refunded.

### **Higher Division**

Since the re-opening of riding schools, the Higher Division competition has resumed with a video-entry format. Riders are able to compete at their usual riding schools, with submitted videos judged remotely.

In 2021, concerns were raised about the use of privately-owned competition horses, as well as the possibility for riders to make repeated attempts in order to submit flawless videos. This year, riding schools have been asked to allocate a set of school horses and an HKEF representative will be present at video sessions to make sure that only a single attempt is recorded by each competitor. The closing date for video entries is Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

Unfortunately, we are once again unable to organise the overseas trip for the winning team this year, so that the prize will be a training-linked subsidy. Luckily for competitors, there are also very generous prizes kindly donated by Horse & Hound (HK).

### **Senior Inter-school Eventing Challenge**

A total of 11 riders entered the Senior Inter-school Eventing Challenge. Riders were to have participated in at least two of the six scheduled eventing competitions held by BREC in this season and have competed at least one competition without elimination in order to proceed to the final as part of the Eventing Horse of the Year Show. Competitors would have carried forward 20% of the penalties drawn from their best result in any of the earlier competitions, which is then added to their total penalties. However, the temporary closure of riding schools since January meant that there was no final leg of the competition this year.



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Fortunately, a few One Day Events had been held and nine competitors had qualified for the final. The points accumulated enabled judges to determine a winner, Charmaine Ip (KGV), who had competed in all four One Day Events and had shown steady progress from 80 cm to the higher 90 cm class.

Charmaine's best score of 14.2 was followed by Anita Qian (HKIS) in second place (15.14) and Julie Bardin (KGV) in third (15.28).

As this year's champion, Charmaine receives HKEF funding worth HK\$10,000 towards an approved programme of training of her choice as well as generous vouchers and prizes sponsored by Horse & Hound (HK).

We would like to thank our judges, the staff at the various riding schools, our competitors and their parents for their support. Thanks also goes to our Secretary General and the Secretariat for their hard work. We would also like to thank our sponsors including Horse & Hound (HK), The Equestrian Foundation Limited, The Hong Kong Jockey Club, Lo Wu Saddle Club and Clearwater Bay Equestrian & Education Centre for their continuing support in these challenging times. It is our hope that the Inter-school Equestrian Challenge can return even stronger in 2023.

I-Ping Soong

Chairman, EPSC



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### Finance Sub-Committee (FSC) 2021 - 2022

Chairman: Dr. Anne Lo

Members: Ms. Sabrina Ho

Mrs. Louisa Lam

#### 1. Change of Honorary Treasurer

Mr. Howard Green has served as the HKEF Honorary Treasurer since 2012. He is also Chairman of the Training and Selection Subcommittee (TSSC) and stepped down as the Honorary Treasurer in June 2021 to focus on TSSC related matters. We would like to thank Mr. Green for his contribution over the years.

#### 2. Increase in Junior Membership Fee

The number of shows and events organized by the Federation has nearly doubled over the years. There has also been a significant growth in participation of Junior Members driven by popularity of the Inter-school competitions. To reflect the additional organizational workload, HKEF Executive Committee has increased Membership Fee for Junior Members after the first year, which remains free for Inter-school competitors. Ordinary Membership Fee has remained static.

#### 3. Introduction of Registration Fees

To ensure long-term sustainability of the Federation, in line with other equestrian federations internationally and FEI, Horses and Riders' registration fees have been introduced effective from 1 September 2021.

#### 4. Change in Financial Year End

After careful consideration, the Executive Committee has decided to change the HKEF financial year-end from 31st August to 31st March. Majority of HKEF's funding originates from the HKSAR Government. By aligning HKEF's financial year with that of the Government, we expect to create efficiency in our accounting, audit and financial management processes. The preparation work for changing the financial year-end is in progress. In order to comply with Companies Ordinance, two Ordinary Yearly Meetings (OYM) will be held this year, one before the end of May and the other before the end of December. Further information will be provided to members in due course.

#### 5. Funding

HKEF has been fortunate to continue to receive Tier A funding provided by the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI), funding for preparation for the Paralympic Games and participation at the National Games by the Arts and Sport Development Fund (ASDF) and annual subvention provided by Leisure and Cultural Services Department in support of HKEF's status as a National Sport Association (NSA). We expect HKEF to continue to be substantially supported by HKSAR government going forward. We would also like to thank the Hong Kong Jockey Club for its continuous sponsorship.



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### **6. Human Resources Management**

LCSD has recently undergone an extensive human resource planning exercise across all National sports Associations (NSAs) in Hong Kong. As a result of this evaluation, HKEF has been granted additional senior headcounts. A new HKEF Human Resources Management (HRM) subcommittee has been setup to implement changes and policies brought about by this change. We look forward to serving our membership better with increased resources.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Executive Committee for providing me with the opportunity to serve as Honorary Treasurer. It is my privilege and pleasure to do so. Special thanks are due to members of the Finance Subcommittee and Executive Committee for their wise counsel and support.

Anne Lo  
Chairman, FSC





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### Membership, Sponsorship & Communication Sub-Committee (MSCSC) Report

#### 2021 - 2022

Chairman: Mrs. Miranda Leung  
Members: Mr. Christian Allderidge Mr. Bee Chan  
Ms. Laurel Cooke Dr. Anne Lo

#### 1. Membership

For the season of 2021-2022, we have recruited 20 new ordinary and 24 junior members, bringing the total number of membership to 422. Among the 24 new junior members, 10 of them joined the Federation by participating in the HKEF Inter-school Equestrian Challenge 2022.

#### 2. Online Activities for Members

To keep our members connected with us during pandemic, we have organized various online activities as follows:

##### **HKEF Online Dressage Series:**

- HKEF Online Dressage Series via the Dressage Anywhere was held in October and November 2020, as well as from March to December 2021 with a total of 1131 entries.

##### **HKEF Online Sharing Sessions:**

- “Freestyle Dressage Workshop” by Ms. Nereide Goodman & Ms. Ruth Chappell on 22 June 2021 (Tue)
- “How to become a Racing Trainee” by Ms. Amy Chan on 26 July 2021 (Mon)
- “Road to Tokyo – Hong Kong’s First Olympic Eventing Journey” by Mr. Thomas Ho, Mr. Stephen Way (Guest), Ms. Corinne Bracken (Guest), Mrs. Nicole Pearson (Guest) on 13 August 2021 (Thu)
- “HKEF Dressage & Eventing Rules 2021-2022” by Ms. Alice Mak & Dr. Danny Tong on 26 August 2021 (Thu)
- “HKEF Jumping & General Rules 2021-2022” by Ms. Gerald Kuh & Ms. Alice Mak on 30 August 2021 (Mon)
- “Hong Kong Para Riders’ Journey to Paralympics” by Ms. Natasha Tse, Ms. Fleur Schrader, Mr. Timothy Tsang, Ms. Amanda Bond (Guest), Mr. Stephane Morai (Guest), Dr. Adrian Farrington (Guest), Ms. Annie Ho (Guest) on 10 September 2021 (Fri)



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- “Hong Kong Officials’ Experience at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games” by Ms. Amanda Bond, Ms. Corinne Bracken, Mr. Alex Cheung, Mr. Gerald Kuh & Mr. Stephane Morai on 12 October 2021 (Tue)
- “An Introduction to Endurance Riding” by Ms. Bobo Poon & Mr. Jason Tse (Guest) on 28 December 2021 (Tue)

### **HKEF Online Open Forum on Local Dressage Development:**

- HKEF Open Forum on Local Dressage Development on 30 December 2021 (Thu)

### **Online Sale of HKEF merchandises:**

- Back to School Special Offer from 16 to 31 August 2021 (Mon - Tue)

### **Other HKEF Membership Activities:**

- Photo Contest “My Life, My Love, My Horse” with Facebook interactive public voting from 10 to 30 May 2021 (Mon – Sun)
- Halloween Horse Costume Contest with Facebook interactive public voting from 25 October to 16 November 2021 (Mon – Tue)

### **3. Coach Registration System**

In March 2021, HKEF launched the Coach Registration System for all riding instructors/coaches and HKEF members with professional equestrian qualifications. It does not only help to promote qualified riding instructors from different riding schools and our sport, but also creates a transparent register of our professionals. Members can view all registered coaches’ information on our official website <https://www.hkef.org/eng/membership/registered-coaches/index.html>

### **4. New HKEF Official website**

In August, 2021, the new HKEF official website: [www.hkef.org](http://www.hkef.org) was launched. It features a new look with improved navigation and features to make the overall experience more impactful via different mobile devices, such as desktop, mobile and tablet. The new search engine and online entry system provide our members with a more user-friendly experience.

### **5. HKEF Virtual Christmas Party 2021**

Our annual Christmas Party has moved online for the first time to allow members to join the festive celebration via Zoom on 4 December 2022 (Sat). We are very pleased to report that over 50 members and their friends took part at this happy occasion. The HKEF would like to thank all our Lucky Draw prizes sponsors for their support. We look forward to meeting all our members in person next year when Covid 19 subsides.





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### **6. HKEF Children and Vulnerable Adults Safeguarding Policy**

The HKEF is fully committed to the implementation of Safeguarding measures for children and vulnerable adults taking part in equestrian activities. On 17 February 2022 (Thu), an online training session was held for all our members to help them understand and recognize these issues.

On 7 March 2022, the HKEF Children and Vulnerable Adults Safeguarding Policy was launched. Members can view the bilingual versions of the policy on the HKEF official website.

English ver.: <https://www.hkef.org/eng/about-us/corporate-information/index.html>

Chinese ver.: <https://www.hkef.org/chi/about-us/corporate-information/index.html>

### **7. Communication with members**

To stay connected with our members, we will strive to organize more online activities and we appeal to all members for your support.

With best wishes to all of you and please stay safe and healthy.

Miranda Leung  
Chairman, MSCSC



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### Rules Sub-Committee (RSC) Report 2021 – 2022

Chairman: Mr. Gerald Kuh

Members: Mr. Joss Gray

Ms. Alice Mak

Ms. Catherine Sing

Dr. Anne Lo

Mr. James Pearson

Dr. Danny Tong

The work of the RSC had not stopped during the pandemic. Apart from the annual rules revision, we kept ourselves busy with some new initiatives. Below is a list of activities that took place in our 2021 – 2022 season.

#### 1. Welcome New Sub-Committee Member

Chief Riding Instructor and Show Director at Beas River Riding School, Joss Gray, kindly accepted our invitation to join the Rules Subcommittee in July 2021. Joss brought with him 30 years of experience as an international Eventing rider competing to the highest CCI5\* level. His breadth of knowledge in the sport is unmatched in Hong Kong, and has already proven himself an asset to the RSC in the short few months he has been with us. Please join me in extending a very warm welcome to Joss.

#### 2. Appointment of Senior Officials

We are delighted to have appointed the following persons as our HKEF Senior Officials:

- Senior Show Jumping Judge – Dr. Nigel King
- Deputy Senior Dressage Judge – Dr. Danny Tong
- National Chief Steward – Ms. Alice Mak
- National Head Veterinarian – Dr. Adrian Farrington
- National Safety Officer – Ms. Alice Mak

We thank them for their ongoing contributions to the HKEF and the sport.

#### 3. National Officials Trainings

The following national officials online training activities were held during 2021 – 2022:

- “Freestyle Dressage Workshop” on 22 June 2021
- “Changes for HKEF Dressage & Eventing Rules 2021-2022” on 26 August 2021
- “Changes for HKEF Jumping & General Rules 2021-2022” on 30 August 2021
- “Experience Sharing of Hong Kong Official at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games on” 12 October 2021
- “Effective Communication and Conflict Resolution in a Sporting Environment” on 13 April 2022



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### **4. Review on Competition Rules for 2022 – 2023**

To keep our national sport rules in line with the latest international rules from the FEI, the RSC conducted our annual rules revision for all disciplines for the upcoming 2022 – 2023 season. To better prepare all participants for the upcoming season with the new rules, we will be conducting rules revision seminars in August. Please stay tuned for further information from the HKEF Secretariat.

To comply with the various government restrictions and requirements due to the ongoing pandemic, the RSC released a temporary Dressage Rules Addendum to ensure competitions could be carried on in the safest environment for our Athletes and Officials.

### **5. HKEF Technical Officials Motivation Plan**

To combat the decreasing number of Officials and with the long-term sustainability of equestrian events in mind, the RSC put together an HKEF Technical Officials Motivation Plan to help retain existing Officials and to encourage new participants. In addition to formally recognize their many hours of hard work in the upcoming seasons, we will be running special trainings and seminars to equip our Officials with practical knowledge to handle situations that may arise when they officiate. The first of its kind was a webinar titled “Effective Communication and Conflict Resolution in a Sporting Environment” with close to 30 Officials participating. The webinar provided knowledge on conflict theory and the established negotiation models; real life cases faced previously by our Officials were also discussed. In the future, we will be running trainings on different topics that could help our Officials become more effective in their duties.

### **6. HKEF Technical Officials Education Pathway**

Further to the work kick started from last season, members of the RSC overseeing different disciplines continue to put in significant effort into the researching and development of an education and training framework for prospective and current HKEF Technical Officials. The HKEF Technical Officials Education Pathway will provide a clearly laid out structure for those who seek different levels of promotions from junior Officials all the way to becoming qualified FEI Officials at international events and championships. Through this Pathway, the RSC aims to provide a robust succession plan to ensure a healthy number of active officials for the sustainability of HKEF sanctioned events and competitions.

### **7. Open Forum on Local Dressage Development**

On 30 December 2021, an online Dressage Forum was conducted. The purpose of this forum was to discuss the challenges faced by the sport, and to gather valuable feedback from all relevant stakeholders in an open dialogue and in an attempt to find the best possible solutions to our concerns. The RSC would like to express our sincere thanks for all constructive



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comments, and we look forward to work with all members on the progress of local dressage development.

### **8. Hong Kong officials at the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games**

The following HKEF Officials were selected by the FEI and the Organizing Committee to officiate at last year's Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games:

- James Pearson – Assistant Steward (All disciplines)
- Gerald Kuh – Mixed Zone Liaison Manager and Training Areas Coordinator (All disciplines)

### **9. Hong Kong officials at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games**

The following HKEF Officials were selected by the FEI and the Organizing Committee to officiate at last year's Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games:

- Johnny Lee – Assistant Steward
- Amanda Bond - Assistant Technical Delegate

### **10. Promotion of Dressage Steward to FEI Level 3**

Our National Chief Steward, Alice Mak, was promoted to FEI Level 3 Dressage Steward in January 2022. She is the first FEI Steward from Hong Kong to attain this level and now one of the only two with such qualification in Asia.

Gerald Kuh  
Chairman, RSC



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#### Training and Selection Sub-Committee (TSSC) Report 2021 – 2022

Chairman: Mr. Howard Green

Members: Ms. Astrid Angvik

Mr. Bee Chan

Ms. Cindy Leung

Mrs. Suzanne Baker

Ms. Sarah Corner

Dr. Rebecca Parkes

Ms. Amanda Bond

Mr. Gerald Kuh

Ms. Possum Richards

#### Another Challenging Year

Unfortunately, our activities in Hong Kong during the 2021 – 2022 season were considerably hampered by Covid related restrictions. However, we were encouraged by the progress many of junior athletes have made despite the challenges and we saw some promising performances in the dressage, eventing and jumping shows that we were able to run. Our senior riders are also performing well with some exciting new combinations and some very solid results.

The HKEF Online Dressage Series using “Dressage Anywhere” platform is a successful addition to our programme and has proven to be popular with the riding schools. We’ve had over 1,100 entries since launch and it’s proving to be a great way for our members to develop their skills.

#### Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games

It was fantastic to see the Hong Kong flag back on the Olympic Equestrian stage for the first time since Beijing 2008 with Thomas Ho and his long-term partner, Tayberry, representing us in the eventing. They finished a very respectable 42nd in a tough competition.

We were very disappointed when we lost our individual jumping quota place on appeal but note the impressive achievements of Kenneth Cheng in achieving the Olympic ‘Certificate of Capability’ with two horses, Tyson AZ and Elle Dorado and Patrick Lam who earned his with Claron CR and Chapsma M.

It was a great achievement for Hong Kong to qualify a team for Para Dressage. Unfortunately, Timothy Tsang had to withdraw at the last minute on veterinary grounds but Fleur Schrader and Caraat completed the Grade III test and ranked 14th, with Natasha Tse and Baxo finishing 16th in the Grade I.

#### The 14<sup>th</sup> National Games of the People’s Republic of China

We experienced significant challenges in having Hong Kong represented at the National Games last year due to Covid. In the end we could only send one rider, Kenneth Cheng, and he did very well riding a last-minute leased horse, Funchal, to finish fifth in the jumping.



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### **FEI Youth Equestrian Games 2022 NF Qualification**

Our junior squad riders Eva Morton, Katherine Law, Owen Wong and Aden Yeung worked very hard under challenging circumstances to try to secure a quota place in the FEI Youth Equestrian Games (replacement for the 2022 Youth Olympics). We only just missed out and it was impressive to see how much they improved during the training and warm-up competitions.

### **Upcoming Events**

Looking ahead, our focus is on the preparations for the 19th Asian Games Hangzhou 2022 in September. For the first time, we are hopeful that we may be able to send teams for all three disciplines.

Para rider Fleur Schrader is also working hard to qualify for the FEI World Championships 2022 Para Dressage event in Herning, Denmark scheduled for August.

We are also actively looking at opportunities for our junior riders to compete internationally.

It is exciting to see that the FEI have confirmed Asian Championships for December 2023 to be held once more in Pattaya, Thailand. Participation here is part of our longer-term planning.

Once again, we need to thank the Hong Kong Jockey Club and the Hong Kong Sports Institute for their generous support, the riding schools for their commitment to developing our riders and all our members who share our passion for the sport and desire to see Hong Kong shine on the international stage.

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