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Dear Asia Pacific Deaf Sports Confederation,

Due to the recent social events in Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Games Organising Committee (HKGOC) and Hong Kong Sports Association of the Deaf (HKSAD) have engaged in a series of assessments to re-evaluate the feasibility of 9th Asia Pacific Deaf Games (9th APDG).

Per our discussion earlier today, the HKGOC's assessments are based on the elevated actions by the protestors last weekend after the introduction of the new law last Friday. The protesting time and places are no longer predictable and we cannot make necessary arrangements beforehand. The transportation arrangements we have made before were prepared with reference to the pattern of the protests, now that the protests are so unpredictable, the 9th APDG may not be able to proceed nor complete as scheduled, such delay may severely affect the operations of the 9th APDG.

In view of the increasing enquiries from countries / regions and their respective consulates, the safety of the participating athletes is our utmost consideration. With the elevated actions and unpredictable protests locations, the APDSC and the HKGOC think that it is at the best interests of all the participating teams to avoid the risks in Hong Kong. The APDSC and the HKGOC would not like to see any of our athletes getting hurt by any of the social events.

The above are the two main factors assessed by the HKGOC and after discussion with the APDSC, we think it is more suitable to cancel the 9th APDG. After months of hard work, the APDSC and the HKGOC are reluctant to announce this heart-breaking decision. However, the safety of our athletes is always our top priority, thank you for your understanding.

Yours faithfully,



Silver Wu

President

9th Asia Pacific Deaf Games Organising Committee,

Hong Kong Sports Association of the Deaf