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# Talent Identification Hong Kong Experience

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- Established in 1972
- First took part in Heidelberg 1972 Paralympic Games
- Best Paralympic Games in 2004 with 11 gold, 7 silver and 1 bronze medal. Ranked 17<sup>th</sup> overall
- Development of 11 para sports
- 2,000 individual members with 250 active athletes

# HKPC&SAPD

- Centralized training
- Majority of coaches are voluntary
- Rare sports science support before 2000's
- Coordination of Paralympic teams with other para sports
- Active international technical officials and classifiers



# Recruitment of Athletes

- Referral from physiotherapists and rehabilitation centers
- Introduction from peers
- Regular elementary training classes
- Promotion via leaflets and video



# Annual Sports Meet

- Annual athletics meet with over 300 students from 8 special schools
- Scouting by coaches and staff in different sports
- Annual sport competitions with open entries



# Talent Identification Sports Camps

- Sports Camp in Sai Kung Outdoor Recreation Centre in 2010
- Over 200 students from 7 special schools
- Trial out in archery, badminton, boccia, table tennis, wheelchair fencing, wheelchair tennis



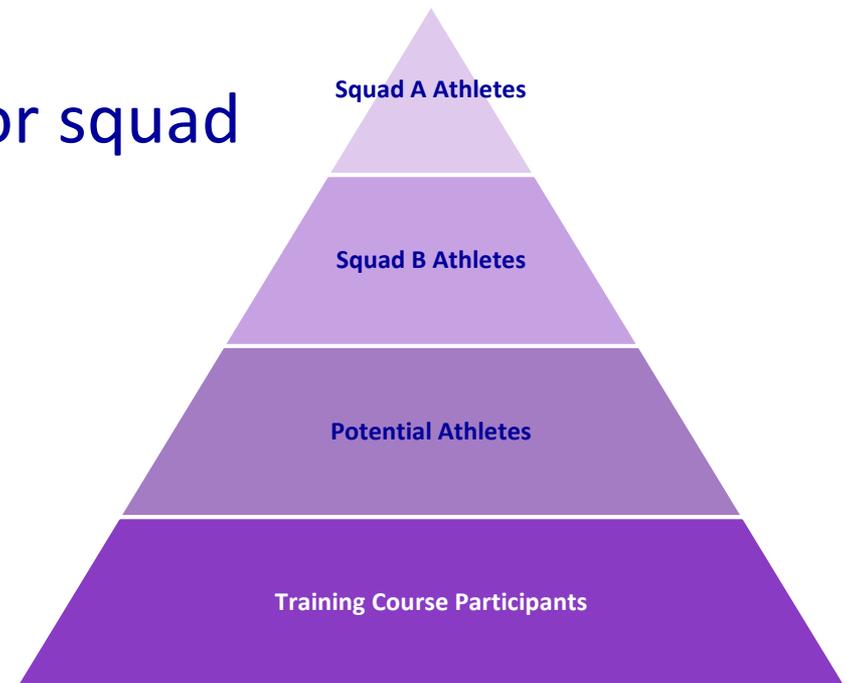
# Talent Identification Sports Camps

- Skill and mental tests in endurance, agility, mental concentration, timing anticipation
- Data analysis by sports scientists



# Training Camps

- 48 student athletes identified
- 2 training camps with sport specific trainings
- Feeder training pathway
- 25 athletes joining the junior squad
- Less than 10 athletes in the current squad



# Satellite Programme

- Regional training course to ease venue and transportation challenges
- Special schools satellite programme in some sports
- Joint training programmes with rehabilitation and shelter workshop
- 2016 Hong Kong Paralympic Day



# Talent Identification Challenges

- Sustainability
- When should be classification
- Convention or scientific approach
- Testing of skill or personal traits
- Sports specific or general



# Future Direction

- Main stream schools programmes
- School clusters
- Refined open recruitment programmes
- Hospital Authority and rehabilitation centers
- Tertiary education institution





# THANK YOU

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