

### **The Wish to Hold the Asian Games in 2023**

As we all know, Hong Kong succeeded in hosting the East Asian Games in 2009. It has upgraded the international image of Hong Kong a lot. Therefore, the government wants to host the Asian Games in 2023. But the difference between the two is that holding the Asian Games will be a far bigger project. Also, it costs a great deal of money, with an estimation of HK\$44.5 billion in order to promote it to make everyone recognize Hong Kong.

Someone thinks that it is worth spending the money on hosting it because it is beneficial to the image of Hong Kong and our economy. But some people argue that the government should give the first priority to easing the social problems such as poverty and improving the welfare of Hong Kong people instead.

For me, I am strongly in favour of the latter argument. I believe all of you agree with me that currently a lot of problems exist in our society. If we just focus on raising our international image while members of the public are suffering, the reputation gained will be a disgrace. So, I strongly recommend that the government should pour the resources into our society instead of hosting the sports event which is comparatively less meaningful.

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