OVERCOMING CHALLENGES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF HIGH PERFORMANCE SPORT CENTRES IN ASIA

A STRATEGIC APPROACH

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INTRODUCTION

• CONTEXT

- HIGH PERFORMANCE SPORT & THE DEVELOPMENT OF HIGH PERFORMANCE SPORT CENTRES IN ASIA
 - A GROWING AMBITION
- HPSCs are Key to developing elite athletes and their competitiveness in international sport
- PURPOSE
 - ADDRESS CHALLENGES & PROPOSE STRATEGIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

PRIORITISATION | CHALLENGE 1

• CHALLENGE

• LIMITED RESOURCES & COMPETING PRIORITIES (INFRA, TALENT, TECH, MONEY ETC)

• SOLUTION

- DEFINE LONG TERM GOALS
- ALLOCATE RESOURCES STRATEGICALLY (PRIORITISATION & TRADE-OFFS)

PROFESSIONALISING | CHALLENGE 2

• CHALLENGE

 INADEQUATE EXPERTISE IN KEY SPECIALIST DOMAINS (COACHING, SPORT SCIENCE, SPORT MEDICINE, MANAGEMENT ETC)

• SOLUTION

- INVEST IN TRAINING & CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT
- FORGE INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS TO ACCELERATE LEARNING

PATHWAYS | CHALLENGE 3

- GAP BETWEEN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES AND ELITE PERFORMANCE (INABILITY TO JOIN UP AND TRANSIT)
- WEAK ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT PATHWAYS (LINEAR)
- SOLUTION
 - CREATE SYSTEMATIC STRUCTURES FOR TALENT DEVELOPMENT
 - Strengthen communications and collaboration with schools, clubs and national bodies

PARTNERSHIPS | CHALLENGE 4

- LACK OF COLLABORATION BETWEEN STAKEHOLDERS (GOVERNMENT, PRIVATE SECTOR, NGBS)
- SOLUTION
 - COMMUNICATIONS AND ANCHOR ON SHARED ASPIRATIONS

POLITICAL WILL | CHALLENGE 5

- INCONSISTENT POLICIES
- SOLUTION
 - EVIDENCE-BASED ADVOCACY
 - Amplify the economic and social benefits of sport investments

CULTURE | CHALLENGE 6

- RESISTANCE TO CHANGE AND INNOVATIONS
- SOLUTION
 - INVEST IN FORGING A CULTURE OF "YOUR WAY" THAT WORKS FOR YOU

SINGAPORE HPS STRATEGY FOR OUR NEXT BOUND OF SPORTING AMBITIONS

A refreshed six prong long term strategy for high performance sport

- 1. WORLD CLASS SPORT FACILITIES A BRAND NEW HOME OF TEAMSG
- 2. EXPAND ACCESS TO SPORTS AND STRENGTHEN DEVELOPMENT PATHWAYS TO FACILITATE YOUTH ATHLETE PROGRESSION
- 3. TRANSFORM AND STRENGTHEN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE NATIONAL SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS (NSAS)
- 4. DEEPEN CAPABILITIES & EXPAND CAPACITIES IN SPORT SCIENCE & SPORT MEDICINE
- 5. DEVELOP A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR ATHLETES THROUGH THEIR LIFECYCLE
- 6. ANCHOR SINGAPORE AS A GLOBAL SPORTING EVENT HUB

CONCLUSION

- DEVELOPMENT OF HPSCs is a key element of success for Asia region to achieve GREATER ELITE SPORT SUCCESS
- HPSCs alone is insufficient for success; overcoming challenges (turning them into opportunities) relevant to your context is the secret to maximising your mileage