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Organizing Committee & Tournament Officials

Chairman	Mr. Silas Chiang	
Vice Chairman	Mr. Patrick Ng	
Members	Ms. Cindy Leung Dr. Chung On Ming Mr. Victor Chan Ms. Chim Mei Fan Mr. Lo Mun Ho	
Technical Advisor	Mr. Silas Chiang	
Technical Delegate	Mr. Steven Lee (Australia)	
Referee	Mr. Lo Mun Ho	
Deputy Referee	Mr. Sun Qilin (China)	
Technical Delegate Trainee	Ms. Cindy Leung Ms. Wendy Chim	
International Classifier	Dr. James Lam	
International Classifier	Mr. Ong Tah Fatt (Malaysia)	
National Classifier	Mr. Victor Chan	
Jury of Appeal	Mr. Silas Chiang Mr. Steven Lee Mr. Lo Mun Ho	
Tournament Secretariat		
Ms. Iris Mak	Ms. Anyetty Chow	Mr. Glen Lam
Ms. Irene Chung	Ms. Maggie Tse	Ms. Fion Yu
Ms. Bowie Ngan	Ms. Anne Tse	Mr. Bayon Poon
Supporting Institution	The Hong Kong Institute of Education	
Subvented Organization	Leisure & Cultural Services Department	



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Competition Arrangement

In view of overwhelming response after the 2nd entry (over 170 players), an urgent notice had been sent out in June 2007 and advised the participating countries to cut their team size. Finally around 130 players were received and a tight schedule was expected.

It would suggest that a larger venue with more tables should be used or put the competition days longer. Secretariat needs to set the entry quota in order to avoid “over-entry”.

Finally, the competition lasted for 3.5 days, which started half day earlier. All the teams were informed before their arrival.

The following events were staged:

	Men Wheelchair	Women Wheelchair	Men Standing	Women Standing
Single	1,2,3,4,5	1-3, 4-5	6,7,8,9,10	6-7, 8-10
Team	1-2,3,4,5	1-3, 4-5	6-7,8,9,10	6-10
Open	1-5	1-5	6-10	6-10

Venue

A total of 16 tables were set for competition.

The Arena 1 (gymnasium) with 14 tables and Arena 2 (table tennis Room) with 2 tables were used for competition. However, the lighting of the Arena 2 was not up to standard. There were 4 squash courts are used as training venue.

Secretariat office, medical room, first aid room, gluing area, accessible toilets, resting area and canteen were located at the same building.

Training & Warm-up

Official training schedule was arranged on 19 and 20 July. Four squash courts were reserved for warm-up from 8:30am – 6:30pm on 21 to 23 July.



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Equipment

Tables, nets, surroundings, umpire chairs and score boards were mainly provided by various sports centers of Leisure & Cultural Services Department (LCSD). Transportation of the equipment between various sports centers were arranged and it took time to set up and dismantled.

There were 9 tables for wheelchairs matches, 7 tables for standing matches. However, some of the tables were not well equipped for wheelchair players (although it self-named as wheelchair tables) and nets were not approved by ITTF. The other difficulties were most tables are reserved by LCSD's / Hong Kong Table Tennis Association's (HKTTA) tournaments.

Number of Entries by Teams

Team	Players	Official	Total
1. Australia	8	2	10
2. Belgium	2	2	4
3. Chinese Taipei	12	2	14
4. Czech Republic	1	0	1
5. Finland	3	2	5
6. France	12	6	18
7. Germany	15	4	19
8. Japan	9	2	11
9. Jordan	6	4	10
10. Hong Kong, China	20	7	27
11. Korea	15	4	19
12. Netherlands	5	3	8
13. Norway	2	2	4
14. Russia	3	3	6
15. Slovak Republic	7	5	12
16. Sweden	3	0	3
17. Ukraine	6	3	9
Total:	129	51	180



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Programme

Overall programme of the event was as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Schedule</u>
19 July (Thu)	1:30pm – 9:30pm 7:00pm – 9:00pm	Teams Arrival Training Umpire Course
20 July (Fri)	9:30am – 3:00pm 10:00am - 11:30am 10:30am - 12:30pm 4:00pm – 8:00pm 5:00pm	Training Classification of Players Technical & Team Manager Meeting Draw for Open Event Confirmation of Team Combination Open Event Competitions Draw for Team and Singles Events
21 July (Sat)	10:00am – 8:30pm	Open and Team Events Competitions
22 July (Sun)	10:00am – 8:30pm	Team and Singles Events Competitions
23 July (Mon)	10:00am – 4:00pm 7:00pm	Singles Events Competitions Farewell Dinner
24 July (Tue)		Teams Departure



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Technical Arrangement

Technical & Team Manager Meeting

The meeting was held at 10:30am on 20 July. Mr. Silas Chiang, Mr. Steven Lee, Mr. Lo Mun Ho and Ms. Iris Mak chaired the meeting.

Draws

The draw was made according to the rules and regulations of ITTF & IPTTC. Dr. Wu Chi Shih's computer programme was used both for the drawing, scheduling and scoring.

Technical Delegate (TD), Deputy TD, Deputy Referee

Mr. Steven Lee from Australia was experienced TD and provided very useful information to the Secretariat both technically and logistically. Steven also familiar with Dr. Wu's computer programme and helped the tournament to run smoothly. Technical Delegate Report were presented at Annex I.

Ms. Cindy Leung and Ms. Wendy Chim were the deputy TD, who were also the TD trainees; and Mr. Sun Qilin from Chinese Table Tennis Association (CTTA) was the Deputy Referee. Mr. Sun will be one of the Deputy Referees of 2008 Beijing Paralympic Table Tennis.

Referee & Umpires

Mr. Lo Mun Ho was appointed Referee of IPTTC. A total of 36 umpires from HKTTA and 1 umpire from CTTA provided refereeing services. 18 students' umpires from secondary schools acted as scorers during the competition.

Umpire Course and Examination

Umpire course and examination was held on 20 July for local umpires and conducted by Ms. Cindy Leung. The course introduced the rules and regulations of wheelchair class. There were 50 umpires attended the course, 38 took the Examination. The result has been sent to the IPTTC Technical Officer.



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Classification and Medical Arrangement

Classification

Classifications were conducted by Dr. James Lam and Mr. Ong Tah Fatt at the medical room of the venue. It took about 30 minutes to classify each player.

A total of 5 players from Hong Kong and Japan were classified; and 2 players from Australia were re-classified.

Physiotherapy & Medical Support

The physiotherapy & medical room was located in the competition venue to provide medical support and massage service to players.

There were 15 physiotherapists of HKPC&SAPD medical sub-committee and 9 students from Department of Rehabilitation Sciences of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University were recruited to provide medical support and services throughout the competition. Mr. Victor Chan had presented a Medical Report at Annex II.

First-aid Support

St. John Ambulance team was presented at the venue from 20 to 23 July.



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Logistic Arrangement

Accreditation

All team members, members of the Organising Committee, medical staff, and volunteers were given an accreditation card to be carried during the competition. Players should present their accreditation card when register for the competition of each event.

Accommodation

All teams were resided at the Regal Riverside Hotel, while Hong Kong Team was stayed at the hostel of the Hong Kong Institute of Education. Entry fee of the competition covered the hotel room charge from 19 to 23 July. Teams had to cover additional room charge by themselves for staying out of the said period.

Transport

Easy access bus was used for carrying the team between hotel and venue, to and from the airport. Two HKPC&SAPD Vans also stand-by for ad-hoc services.

48-seat coach to Tai Po and Shatin was arranged for the umpires and volunteers every night.

Catering

Meals were provided to teams from 19 July (dinner) to 24 July (breakfast). Meal coupons were given to the team manager upon arrival. Breakfast and snack were arranged at the dinning room located in the Taipo Room on 2/F of the hotel; lunch and dinner were provided at the Institute's canteen.

All meals were in buffet style (except farewell dinner with Chinese style) with eastern and western variety and participating teams were generally satisfied with the catering arrangement.

Special Muslim food was ordered to Jordan Team.



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Volunteers

Secretariat officials

11 officials were recruited to provide administrative support.

Announcers

There were 4 announcers who spoke English and Mandarin from the Hong Kong Institute of Education.

Ball Boy

A group of 171 volunteers from different secondary schools, primary schools and Police Volunteer Corps were served as ball boys throughout the event.

Competition Results

The result was posted on the notice board in the hall and the relevant information was distributed to the information box of each participating team. The full results were produced in CD format for the team at the Farewell dinner.

Souvenirs

Souvenir pack was given to all participants upon their arrival. The pack included souvenir items from the BrandHK Management Office and souvenir T-shirt from the OC. The general information booklet of the competition was also included in the pack to team officials in order to let them have an idea about the overall arrangement of the competition.

Medal Ceremony & Awards

Medals were presented during the competition and some were presented at the Farewell dinner.

Farewell dinner

The farewell dinner cum prize presentation ceremony was held on Monday, 23 July at 7:00pm at the ballroom of the Hotel. Guest of honour of the dinner was Dr York Chow, Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food. A total of 19 tables with all participating teams and guests joined the dinner. Each participating team was presented a souvenir at the dinner.



Technical Delegate Report

1- Accommodation

- Regal Riverside Hotel
34-36 Tai Chung Kiu Road Shatin, New Territories, Hong Kong

Accommodation was at the Regent Riverside Hotel in Shatin. The facilities were very good. There are 8 lifts and the rooms have wheelchair facilities.

Overall accommodation was very good.

Meals were served on the 2nd floor. Other than breakfast, there was late supper between 10pm and 12pm for players who finished late. Lunch and dinner in buffet style were served at the venue with plenty of choices.

2-Venue

The competition venue was the gymnasium of The Hong Kong Institute of Education. The stadium is the same as the 2005 Hong Kong Open and is very satisfactory. However due to the large number of players, only 12 tables could be placed in the main stadium and another 2 tables in another table tennis room. The lighting in the table tennis room was not as good as the main venue, but was otherwise acceptable. Tables were also placed in the four squash rooms for practice purposes.

Overall it was satisfactory.

There was an office and meeting room with telephone, photocopier and computer on the 2nd floor.

There are 2 accessible toilets in the hall, a very important point for tournaments with players in a wheelchair.

Floor:	Wooden floor
Lighting:	900 lux, suitable, without daylight
Spectator seats:	about 150 for the participants and spectators For wheelchairs – directly on the area



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Gluing area: Outside the gymnasium
Officials room: OC & TD room
Classification room
Results/computer area (close to Referee's table)
Water available in the hall for free.

3-Equipment

- 14 Tables: 2 Tables – Joola 2000-S
2 Tables – Cornilleau 640
2 Tables – Donic Champion TC
2 Tables – Stiga Expert VM
4 Tables – Stiga Expert Roller
2 Tables – Stiga Automatic Roller
- Balls: DHS *** White
- (All ITTF approved)
- Surroundings and Score boards

There were 8 tables for wheelchairs matches, 6 tables for standing matches. The tables for wheelchair players complies with regulations.

4-Competition Days

The scheduled timetable was for 3 days. However the organiser brought forward the open events half a day early to ensure the schedule was not too tight and allow players adequate rest

- 19 July (Thur) Team Arrival & Training
- 20 July (Fri) Classification & Competition (Open Event)
- 21 July (Sat) Competition (Open & Team Event)
- 22 July (Sun) Competition (Team & Singles Event)
- 23 July (Mon) Competition (Singles Event)
Evening - Farwell Dinner
- 24 July (Tue) Departure

The tournaments lasted for 3 and a half days. The Farwell dinner cum Prize Presentation Ceremony was held at 7pm at the Ballroom of the Regal Riverside Hotel.



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5-Number of Participants

In this tournament there were far more entries in the Second Entry than the First Entry. Considering the size of the venue to place more tables and ensure the maintenance of the competition facilities and rest time for the players, the organiser could not accept more players who had not entered in the First Entry. At the end, there were 129 players participating.

A total of seventeen countries participated.

Australia, Belgium, Chinese Taipei, Czech, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Netherlands, Norway, Russia, Slovak, Sweden, Ukraine and Hong Kong China.

Men's wheelchair players:	48
Men's Standing players:	52
Women's wheelchair players:	18
Women's standing players:	11

With a total of **129** players.

Team leaders and coaches:	44
Support staff:	7
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Total:	180

6-Transport

The hotel is 25-30 minutes drive from the stadium. There were several mini buses transporting players to and from the hotel. The staff paid careful attention to the players. Other than the normal timetable, the organiser also arranged for specific transportation if required.

7-Officials

Organizer: Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled (HKPC&SAPD)

- Chairman: Mrs. Jenny Fung
- Vice Chairman: Mr. Martin Lam, Dr. James Lam
- Hon. Secretary: Mr. Patrick Ng
- Hon. Treasure: Mr. Henry Lam



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- Executive Director: Ms Iris Mak

Organising committee of the tournament:

- Chairman: Mr. Silas Chiang
- Vice Chairman: Mr. Patrick Ng
- Member: Ms Cindy Leung
Dr. Chung On Ming
Mr. Victor Chan
Ms Chim Mei Fan
Mr. Lo Mun Ho

Classifier: Dr. James Lam (HKG)
Mr. Ong Tah Fatt (MAS)

National Classifier: Mr. Victor Chan (HKG)

Deputy TD: Ms Cindy Leung (HKG)
Ms Wendy Chim (HKG)

Referee: Mr. Lo Mun Ho (HKG)

Deputy Referee: Mr. Sun Qi Lin (CHN)

Umpires: International Umpire - 14
National Umpire - 23

As for the umpiring, only 2 umpires came from China, one was the Deputy Referee. As not all umpires were present at the same time, some sessions were tighter than others. The umpire resources were a bit stretched leading to inadequate time for rest and meals.

Other than 38 official umpires, there were 18 student umpires assisting in the umpiring which was good experience for them.

Tournament Secretariat: Ms Iris Mak

Ms Anyetty Chow

Ms Irene Chung

Ms Maggie Tse

Ms Bowie Ngan

Ms Fion Yu

Ms Shirley Chen



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Mr. Glen Lam

The staff from the HKPC&SAP were very helpful in providing assistance. The tournament was run in a smooth fashion.

8-Meetings

Team Manager's meeting was held at 10:30am on 20 July. As most of the matters had been arranged and prior notices had been given to all the participating nations, the meeting finished quickly with a short briefing from Chairman of OC, TD and the Referee regarding matters that needed to be attended to and changes to be made to the player's list in the team events.

9-Draws

The draw was made according to rules and regulations of ITTF & IPTTC by Dr. Chi-Shih Wu's computer programme which was fast and accurate. Special thanks to Dr Wu's contribution.

10-Classification

Two IPTTC Classifier and one National Classifier were responsible for classifying players. They were very efficient. A total of 7 players were required to be classified, commencing on 20 July from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

Classification for 7 players.

11-Education

An umpire's seminar was well conducted by Ms. Cindy Leung (IR, HKG) in this competition. There were 38 umpires taking the umpire test after the seminar.

12-Results

As Dr Wu's programme was used, there was no problem with recording of results. The secretarial group assisted in updating the results and produced all the results in the CD format. The CDs were handed over to the teams before they left.

13-Other Staff

Medical Support

- St Johns Ambulance team and Physiotherapists were present at the venue and provided massage services to the players.

Volunteers:



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- There were plenty of volunteers during the tournament with a total of 171. Students from four schools acted as ball boys/girls. Police Volunteer Service Corp also had volunteers attending.

14- Other Matter

As the competition venue was located at the gymnasium at The Hong Kong Institute of Education, the whole campus was non-smoking area. There were quite a number of smokers amongst the players. They did not adhere to the requirements which led to complaints by the campus management. It is hoped that all smoking players can pay attention to the non-smoking restrictions as smoking is a health hazard.

15- Conclusion

As a conclusion, this tournament was very successful. All the arrangements were very well planned. I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the organising committee, umpires and referee, volunteers and staff of HKPC&SAP for the great work done.

28 August 2007

Steven W.H. Lee (AUS)

IPTTC Technical Delegate



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Annex II

Medical Report

Utilization rate

Totally we have served 26 athletes in this event (34% from HKG & 66% from other National delegate) while we are not include the number case from Germany & other countries with their own physiotherapist. Therefore, the occupation rate of medical room is satisfactory. The equipment & material are also very sufficient to support this event.

Majority seek for treatment are the class: TT5 (Wheelchair players, 32% of total client received Physiotherapist) & TT8 (standing players, 20% of total client received Physiotherapist). Rest of the class seeks for treatments include TT3, TT4, TT7, TT10 & other delegation official.

We are totally 17 physiotherapist & 11 physiotherapist students helping this event.

Injury pattern

- I) Only 16% of cases are new injury from the match. Most of them are contusion. Others belong to old injury from match then training.
- II)
 - 1) Fatigue
 - 2) Light Sprain
 - 3) Tendonitis is the most common type of injury.
- III)
 - 1) Muscle cramp
 - 2) Contusion is the 2nd large group of injury.
- IV) The rest of injury type involves muscle strain & cartilage of joint injury.
- V) The common injury site is lumber region then Shoulder & wrist are the 2nd common injury sites.

Prepared by Victor Chan, Physiotherapist

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