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Mr. Ronnie M. C. WONG, JP

Hon. Secretary General

Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China

2/F., Olympic House, 1 Stadium Path,

So Kon Po, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong.

Dear Mr. Wong,

Selection of Karate Athletes for the 2018 Asian Games

We note with dismay your letter dated 17 May 2018 informing us that the Federation has prepared to set up an independent Provisional Selection Panel for the selection of karate athletes to participate in the 2018 Asian Games.

On the subject of nomination of karate athletes to participate in the 2018 Asian Games, we have had an exchange of correspondence with you which we started on 13 April 2018. Let me recap the sequence of events in the following table:

Date	Event
13.4.2018	We requested that you issue, as a matter of urgency, the Federation's guidelines for us to proceed with the nomination of athletes
17.4.2018	You replied to impose three conditions as a pre-requisite for us to proceed with the nomination: (1) Selection to be open to all athletes; (2) Members in the selection committee shall include at least 50% from outside our Association; and (3) Two independent observers to be appointed by the Federation to oversee the selection process and to agree with the nomination list.
18.4.2018	We sought a meeting with you to clarify about the conditions to be imposed on our selection, but to no avail.

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20.4.2018	We confirmed our compliance with the conditions to be imposed and spelt out our assumptions and concerns about the application of the conditions.
25.4.2018	You wrote to us to clarify about the application of the conditions
30.4.2018	We replied to re-affirm our compliance with all three conditions, set out our selection criteria and requested you to confirm that we could immediately proceed with the selection process.
4.5.2018	You replied to say that the matter will be considered at your upcoming Board of Officers' Meeting.
4.5.2018	We enquired by WhatsApp with your Liaison Officer about the date of your upcoming Board of Officers' Meeting
7.5.2018	We were told to put our request in writing to you.
8.5.2018	We wrote to you to enquire about the date of your upcoming Board of Officers' Meeting and to request, in the event the date of meeting is not immediate, that you expedite the decision-making process by circulation of papers to your Board Officers.
17.5.2018	You replied to point out that your Board will convene a General Meeting on 8 June 2018 to consider passing a special resolution to cease our Association's membership and the Federation has prepared to set up an independent Provisional Selection Panel to take over the selection of athletes in the event our Association's membership is ceased.

We have all along stressed that we are very worried about the prolonged delay in the selection process. This has affected the karate athletes' morale and training. As matters now stand, while the selection of athletes for other sports has long been finalized, the selection of karate athletes is kept in limbo and according to your approach, will continue to be so in the coming 3 weeks. This is grossly unfair to the karate athletes and will conceivably affect their performance in the Asian Games for lack of time to prepare for the competition.

Please note that until and unless our Association ceases to be a member of the Federation, we are fully entitled to exercise our rights as a member of the Federation and that must include the nomination of karate athletes to participate in the 2018 Asian Games which commences on 18 August 2018.



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Accordingly, we demand that you respond immediately to our letter dated 30 April 2018 (copy attached) so that we could commence the nomination process without further delay.

As you well understand, our nominees' participation in the Asian Games has to be confirmed and validated by your Federation in any event. In other words, our continued exercise of our right to make nominations will never affect your Federation's authority to make the final decision on the matter. But it will serve the interest of the athletes better by catching up the time lost as a result of your procrastination.

As before, please kindly circulate this letter to all Officers of the Federation.

Yours sincerely,

Kenny Yu Kang Chau

Chairman

The KFHKCL

c.c. Director of Leisure & Cultural Services (Attn: Mr. Calvin Wong)

Hong Kong Sports Institute (Attn: Dr. Trisha Leahy, Chief Executive)