

# Racing and Breeding in Mainland Part II

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### **Limitations of the Sha Tin Racecourse**

- Sha Tin Racecourse is the home of the Hong Kong Jockey Club's stabling, training and racing facilities
- Commenced operations in 1978 and was designed to accommodate up to 900 horses
- Today, we are stretched to over 1,200 horses as the number of races has increased to 770 per year
- Limited land space has constrained the further expansion of the horse population, number of races and introduction of new training facilities
- The Jockey Club had been looking at different options in Hong Kong but this has proved difficult





## **Best Equine Expertise in the Region**

- More than 130 years of racing in Hong Kong
- The best equine expertise in China and an internationally-recognised Equine Health Status
- Successful Beijing 2008 Olympic and Paralympic Games Equestrian Events





# 2010 Asian Games - Conghua

- HKJC was asked by the Guangzhou 2010 Asian Games Organising Committee to support the Equestrian Competition at Conghua
- Approved by the State Council, a partnership was formed to support the Asian Games and establish a Thoroughbred Training Centre as legacy















# Where is Conghua?



#### From HK



Horse Float 4 – 5 hrs



<u>Car</u> 3 – 3.5 hrs



High Speed Rail + Transit 2.5 hrs



# What about Conghua?

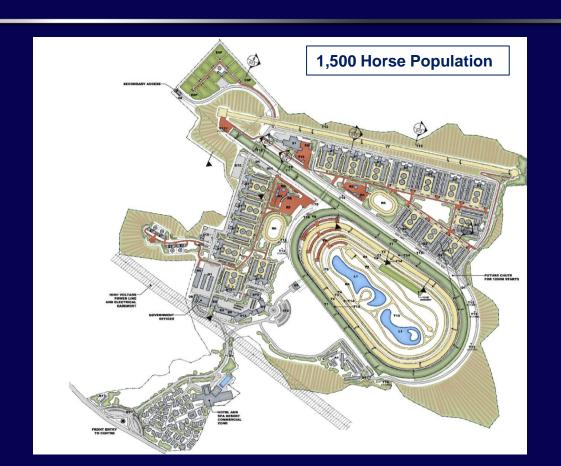
- Major holiday destination, golf courses, and new resorts under construction
- Hot Spring and National Park 'Eco-city'
- Reservoir and river supply 60% drinking water to Guangzhou, the Provincial Capital
- Few industrial developments
- Held the 2007 Guangzhou National Ethnics Minority Sports Games







### **Conghua Training Centre Layout Plan (Site maximization)**





### **Conghua Training Centre – Mast Layout Plan**



First Stage Capacity
Full Potential Capacity

496 horses 1,500 horses



### **Conghua Training Centre – Barn Styled Stables**



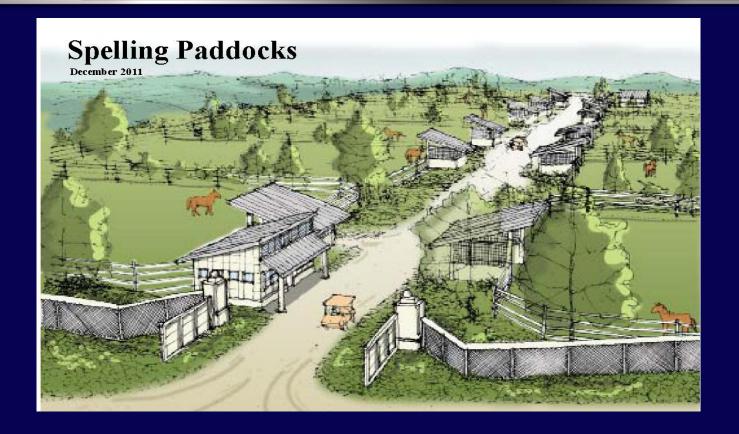


### **Conghua Training Centre – Stable Layout**



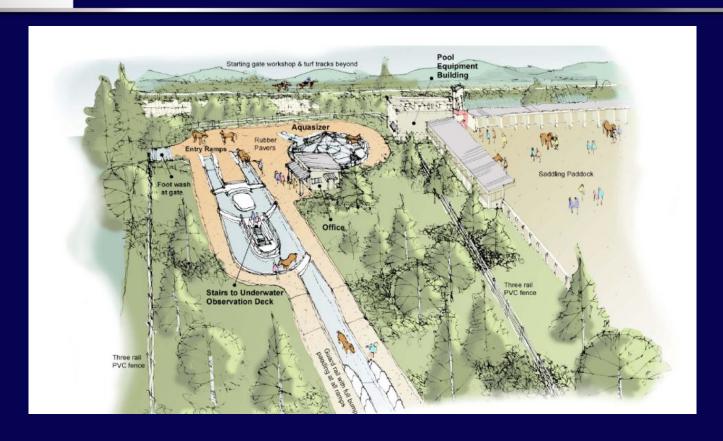


# **Spelling Paddocks**





### **Conghua Training Centre – Swimming Pool**





# Stage 1: Migrate 350 HK Horses into Conghua and Dual-Site Operation

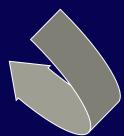


Dual-site
Operation











### **One Country – Two Systems**

- In general, rules and regulations are more developed in Hong Kong
- The Hong Kong Jockey Club 130 years of Horse Racing
- Special policies for Horses
  - Horse Movement between Hong Kong and the Conghua Equine Disease Free Zones
  - Hong Kong and China quarantine authorities agreed to same health status







### **One Country – Two Systems**

- Special policies for Horses
  - Express Border Passage
    - 'Green' Express Lane
    - Grooms are allowed to accompany horses in the cargo restricted zone
    - Simplified quarantine inspection defer to the on-site inspection unit







### **One Country – Two Systems**

- Special policies for Horses
  - Import Tax
    - \* Temporary import and thus no import tax
  - Equine Medicines and Feeds
    - \* Special permission to import for use only at the Conghua Training Centre
  - Equine Veterinary Care
    - \* Special permission to treat horses at the Conghua Training Centre

The Jockey Club appreciates the support from both the Hong Kong and Mainland China Government in supporting the Project



## **Conghua Training Centre – 3D Model**





#### The Future

- One Country One Club One Equine Health Status
- Dual Site Horse Training Operations
- Cross Border Horse Movement DFZ
- Conghua Showcase Racing
- Conghua State-of-the-Art Training Centre
- Growth Potential Phased Approach



### **Hong Kong Jockey Club Conghua Training Centre**

# Thank You