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## \$30m grant to sport centre

The Government is to give a further \$30 million towards the Jubilee Sports Centre to take its share to \$55 million.

And a \$200,000 donation has also been made by Mobil Oil Hongkong Ltd, Mr Li Fook-wo said.

Commenting on the centre's progress this year, Mr Li said that tenders for the main building and other works were now being considered and that the construction work so far was on schedule.

Announcing the extra Government contribution to its joint scheme with the Royal Hongkong Jockey Club, Mr Li said:

"The board is greatly encouraged by this generous

gesture, which underlines the importance of the centre to our sportsmen and athletes, and indeed to the community as a whole."

The total capital available with the increase was \$150 million, he said.

The Jockey Club was contributing \$82.5 million and there was \$12.5 million from the Queen's Silver Jubilee Fund.

The \$200,000 donation from Mobil (HK) was towards weight and strength training equipment and was the first donation from the commercial sector.

He hoped it was an example other public and private corporations would follow.

The centre has now added

another tennis coach and a seventh swimming coach, said Mr Li.

"The public demand for their services has been overwhelming.

"Further coaches will be recruited in line with the planned and controlled expansion of the centre," he said.

"As the coaching team grows, local talent in Hongkong should benefit more and more from its expertise and assistance."

The centre could become one of Hongkong's major training amenities in the next few years with the support of the Government, Jockey Club and local sports community, he said.