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Overseas Elite Runners Unite with Event Legends To Celebrate the 25th Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon

HONG KONG, 10 February 2023 – The 25th Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon, which is set to take place this Sunday 12 February, will be the first mega sports event with participation of international runners following the easing of Covid restrictions in Hong Kong. The organiser has successfully invited 13 overseas elite runners to compete in the upcoming Marathon. They are joined with local elite runners and past Marathon champions at the pre-race press conference today to celebrate the special 25th edition of the event.

Officiating the press conference are Mr. Paul Cheng Ching Wan, Acting Commissioner for Sports, Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau and Mr Wilfred Ng Sau-kei, Chairman of The Major Sports Events Committee, who are joined by other dignitaries to wish the runners best of luck for the race. They also extended an invitation to the Hong Kong public to join in the celebrations on this prestigious marathon occasion.

To prepare for this World Athletics Gold Label Road Race, overseas runners have been arriving in Hong Kong over the last few days in order to get fully acclimatised to local conditions. This year's line-up of overseas elite runners includes 6 gold label runners, 2 male and 4 female. In addition, there are about 500 overseas runners, including invited elite runners, participating in what is the first international mega-sports event to be held since the easing of the Covid measures.

To celebrate the 25th edition of the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon, the Organiser invited 10 of the past marathon champions, including Lai Hok Yan, who won the race 7 consecutive times between 2007-2013, Fan Sui Ping, a 5 times local female marathon champion and last year's champion Wong Kai Lok, to join the occasion.

“Thanks to the continued support of overseas and local runners and the public of Hong Kong, as well as the all-out effort of the organising team, we are proudly anticipating the 25th Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon,” explained **Mr. Kwan Kee, Chairman of the Hong Kong Association of Athletics Affiliates**. “On the road to returning to normality, I hope we can tell the great story of Hong Kong through this renowned international sports event, in leading Hong Kong towards once again becoming the world's sports city.”

Mr Kwan also reminded all participants to be aware of the weather conditions on the race day and always listen to their bodies, and be careful not to overstretch themselves.

Designated a Brand Hong Kong event by the HKSAR government, the 25th Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon is title sponsored by Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited. Other sponsors of the race include: Western Harbour Tunnel Company Limited, Nike Hong Kong, Thong Sia Watch Co., Ltd - SEIKO, Watsons Water, POADmedia Limited, GP Batteries International

Limited, BMW Concessionaires (HK) Ltd, Regal Hotels International, Hisamitsu Pharmaceutical (Hong Kong) Co., Limited (Salonpas), Lukfook Jewellery, SOYJOY Soy Bar , Banitore®, Shun Hing Group (Panasonic), INDICAID®, Walch, Anessa, Sunrise Diagnostic Centre Limited and World Genius Corporation Ltd.. Supporting organisations include: Information Services Department, Hong Kong Tourism Board, TIML MOM Limited and Leisure and Cultural Services Department.



[Photo Caption]: Officiating guests join hands together to wish the runners the best of luck in the 25th Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon, as well as inviting the public to join in the celebrations on this prestigious marathon occasion.

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The Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon, organised by the Hong Kong Association of Athletics Affiliates, is Hong Kong's largest participatory annual sporting event attracting over 70,000 local and overseas participants each year. Standard Chartered has been the title sponsor since the first Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon in 1997 and also sponsors marathons in six other cities globally including Taipei, Singapore, Nairobi, Kuala Lumpur, Stanley and Jersey, as well as a 10km run in Shanghai and 5km run in London.