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25th Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon roars to success Record attendance rate of 94%

217 local runners crowned as Mr. and Miss Thousand Super making another record high

HONG KONG, 12 February 2023 – The 25th Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon was successfully concluded today. With the return of overseas runners, this 'M' Mark mega sports event made a roaring comeback to the city. Among the 37,000 registered runners, 34,783 runners showed up at the Start, with the overall attendance rate achieving a record high of 94%. Runners from Kenya and Ethiopia were crowned champions in the Men's and Women's Marathons respectively.

Continuing as a World Athletics Gold Label Road Race, the 25th Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon attracted some 500 overseas runners, including the line-up of 13 elite runners, following the easing of the Covid measures in Hong Kong. The Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Mr. John Lee officiated at the Marathon start today – firing the starters pistol to get Marathon Challenge runners springing into action. All race finishers were cheered on by excited audiences along the course, with the post-pandemic re-introduction of the public cheering zone in Victoria Park greatly adding to the thrilling atmosphere for both race-day fans and competitors alike.

Race Results

The results reflected a tight race across each of the event categories. In the Men's Marathon Philimon Kiptoo Kipchumba from Kenya raced home in a winning time of 2:10:47, with Fantu Eticha Jimma from Ethiopia securing the top spot in the Women's Marathon, crossing the finish-line in a time of 2:27:50. On top of the US\$ 30,000 in prize winnings, Jimma was also awarded the Marathon Time Bonus of US\$ 10,000 by finishing below the target time of 2:28:00.

In the Half Marathon, last year's full marathon champion Wong Kai-lok won the Men's division with a finish time of 1:09:50, with Women's division winner Law Ying-chiu completing the course in a time of 1:20:23.

The highly competitive 10KM Race saw Wong Tsz-to beating out the competition in the Men's division with a winning time of 0:32:09 with Choi Yan-yin taking the winning tape in the Women's division in 0:37:21.

Mr. & Mrs. Thousand Super

To celebrate the 25th edition of the race, title sponsor Standard Chartered Hong Kong has additionally raised the prize money of the 25th Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon to support local runners. Under the 'Special Incentive Award for Marathon' for the Marathon Challenge category, permanent Hong Kong residents who cross the finish line under 3 hours (sub 3) for men or under 3 hours 30 minutes for women (sub 3:30) will each take home a special incentive award of HK\$10,000. A total of 217 local challengers were encouraged and crowned as Mr. or Ms. Thousand



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Super, with 151 men and 66 women respectively, also a record high in the event history.

Celebratory race day experiences also included an exclusive birthday celebration booth for participants with birthdays falling on race day, where they can take photos to capture the enjoyable moment of finishing the race.

The free-admission 3-day carnival at Victoria Park attracted over 43,000 visitors to an early taste of the celebratory experience the Marathon is set to bring.

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.

The Organisers would like to thank all parties for their full support and active coordination in making the Anniversary event possible.

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Photo Caption

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Photo 1



Mr. John Lee, Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (first row, fourth right), Mr. Benjamin Hung, Chief Executive Officer, Asia of Standard Chartered (first row, fourth left), Ms. Mary Huen, Cluster Chief Executive Officer for Hong Kong, Taiwan & Macau, Standard Chartered Bank (first row, second right), Mr. Alex Moh, President of the Hong Kong Association of Athletics Affiliates (first row, third right) and Mr. Kwan Kee, Chairman of the Hong Kong Association of Athletics Affiliates (first row, second left) officiated the 25th Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon.

Photo 2



Mr. John Lee, Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region cheers on for both local and overseas runners of the 25th Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon.

Photo 3 and 4



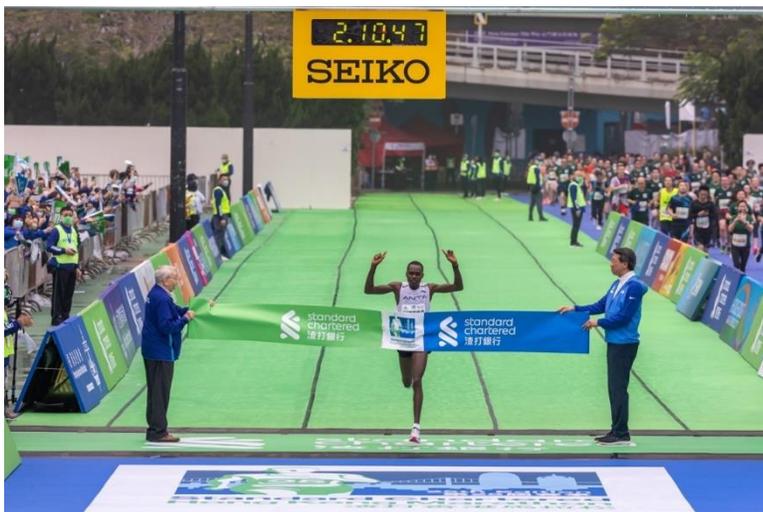
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The Wheelchair Race also saw some exciting competitions.

Photo 6



In the Men's Marathon Philimon Kiptoo Kipchumba from Kenya became the first to race home in a winning time of 2:10:47.

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About the [Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon](#)

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.