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Top International and Asian Athletes Join Local Elite Runners to Mark Launch of Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2024

Internationally-acclaimed Gold Label Road Race further enhanced by Asian Marathon Championships

HONG KONG, 19 January 2024 – The Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2024 (SCHKM) will be held on 21 January (Sunday), with race quotas returning to pre-pandemic level of 74,000 runners, making it the largest annual international distance running event in Hong Kong. The Marathon has been recognised as a Gold Label road race by the World Athletics since 2016, and hosts the 19th Asian Marathon Championships this year, with top runners from across the world joining Hong Kong’s elite and local runners, all contributing to an exciting and highly competitive atmosphere on race day.

Some 50 top runners from 19 countries and regions will participate in this year’s event. The line-up includes five men and three women gold label athletes, as well as over 30 elite runners from 16 Asian countries and regions who will compete for the prestigious title of Asian Marathon champions. Hong Kong will be represented by Cheung Yiu Leung, Gi Ka Man and Wong Kai Lok in men’s category and Vut Tsz Ying, Wong Mei Yan and Wong Wing Yin in women’s category.

The marathon organiser hosted the “Meet the Athletes” press conference today to introduce the international, Asian and local elite marathon runners to the public. The guests of honour including Gen Dahlan Al-Hamad, President of Asian Athletics Association (AAA), Mr. A Shuggumarran, Secretary General of AAA, Mr. Kwan Kee, Chairman of Hong Kong, China Association of Athletics Affiliates, Mr. William Ko, Chairman of the Organising Committee of SCHKM 2024, Mr. Wilfred Ng Sau-kei, Chairman of The Major Sports Events Committee, and Ms. Gabriel Kwan, Head of Corporate Affairs, Brand and Marketing, Hong Kong, Standard Chartered joined hands to wish all the runners the very best of luck for the upcoming race, and invite local citizens and overseas tourists to experience the race weekend together.

Mr. Kwan Kee said, “The organiser is delighted to represent Hong Kong in extending a warm welcome to all the visiting international and Asian elite runners, and look forward to seeing them compete in this prestigious world-class sporting occasion. We welcome these fellow athletes and friends from excitingly diverse cultural backgrounds gathering to embrace the unwavering passion of local citizens for distance running and immerse themselves in the unique charm of Hong Kong, renowned as a capital for major international sports events.”

The Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon is proud of being an “M” Mark event that helps enhance the image of Hong Kong as Asia’s sports event capital. The “M” Mark awarded by the



Major Sports Events Committee, symbolising intense, spectacular and signature event in the territory sports calendar. With Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited as the title sponsor, the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2024 is also sponsored by: adidas Hong Kong Limited, Thong Sia Watch Co., Ltd., A.S. Watson Group (HK) Ltd., POADmedia Limited, GP Batteries International Limited, Crown Motors Limited, Regal Hotels International, Hisamitsu Pharmaceutical (Hong Kong) Co., Limited, Otsuka Pharmaceutical (H.K.) Ltd., Shiseido Hong Kong Limited, Shun Hing Group, Hengan Pharmacare Co., Ltd., Kao (Hong Kong) Ltd and Walch. Supporting organisations include: Information Services Department, Hong Kong Tourism Board, TIML MOM Limited and Leisure and Cultural Services Department.

For the high-resolution photos, please refer to the link here: <https://bit.ly/3S8wuZ5>



Photo 1

The officiating guests gathered in the “Meet the Athletes” press conference wishing all the runners the very best of luck for the upcoming race.



Photo 2

Over 30 elite runners from 16 Asian countries and regions who will compete for the prestigious title of the 19th Asian Marathon champions, gathered in the “Meet the Athletes” press conference today.



Photo 3

The Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2024 will be held on 21 January (Sunday), with top runners from across the world, all contributing to an exciting and highly competitive atmosphere on race day.

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About the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon

The Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon, organised by the Hong Kong, China Association of Athletics Affiliates, is Hong Kong's largest participatory annual sporting event attracting over 78,000 local and overseas participants each year previously. Standard Chartered has been the title sponsor since the first Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon in 1997 and also sponsors marathons in seven other cities globally including Taipei, Singapore, Nairobi, Kuala Lumpur, Stanley, Jersey and Hanoi, as well as a 10km run in Shanghai and 5km run in London.