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Top International and Local Runners Set to Converge at the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2025

Hong Kong, 7 February 2025 – The Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2025 (SCHKM) is set to take place this Sunday, 9 February. This year, SCHKM has attracted 23 elite runners from 6 countries and regions, featuring five male and four female Gold Label athletes from Kenya, Ethiopia, Israel, South Africa and Morocco. Hong Kong will showcase its top runners, with Ngai Kang and Virginia Lo participating in the Marathon; Wong Cheuk Ning will compete in the half marathon, while Tsang Hiu Tung and Tse Chun Yin will take part in the 10KM Race.

A pre-race press conference was held today at the inaugural Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon Expo (SCHKM Expo) to introduce elite local and international runners. The event featured several distinguished guests, including Mr. George Tsoi Kin-Pan, Commissioner for Sports; Mr. Kwan Kee, Chairman of the Hong Kong, China Association of Athletics Affiliates; as well as Ms. Gabriel Kwan, Head of Corporate Affairs and Brand & Marketing, Hong Kong & Taiwan, Standard Chartered. They offered their support to the runners participating in Sunday's marathon and extended their best wishes for a successful race. According to the latest weather forecast, temperatures on race day morning may drop to single digit.

Mr. Kwan Kee, Chairman of the Hong Kong, China Association of Athletics Affiliates, said "On behalf of Hong Kong, we warmly welcome elite runners from around the globe who have travelled afar to participate in this iconic and unique running event. This prestigious event allows them to join top local racers in this World Athletics Gold Label Road Race. We look forward to more elite runners from various countries and regions in the future, as we strive to promote the development of local track and field sports and showcase the charm of Hong Kong as a premium international sports event capital."

Ms. Gabriel Kwan, Head of Corporate Affairs and Brand & Marketing, Hong Kong, said "Standard Chartered Hong Kong has proudly served as the title sponsor since the first edition of the Hong Kong Marathon in 1997 and is honored to witness its incredible journey and growth over the years. This year, we are excited to host the first-ever Marathon Expo designed to elevate the marathon experience and inspire a passionate running culture within the community. We are also launching a thrilling new initiative this year that invites close to 500 local small shops along the race route to join the celebration, rallying together to cheer on our runners on race day. This lively atmosphere will not only captivate participants and spectators alike but will also drive foot traffic to the local small shops. that promotes a vibrant marathon economy."

The organiser reminded runners to prepare for the cold front by keeping warm and monitoring their physical condition. In the event of experiencing flu-like symptoms or other illnesses, runners are advised to consult a doctor and not to overstretch themselves. Coinciding with the inaugural SCHKM Expo at Kai Tak Sports Park, both overseas and local elite runners visited the Expo after the press event to experience its vibrant vibes.

The Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2025 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 is



awarded by the Major Sports Events Committee, symbolising intense, spectacular and signature event in the territory sports calendar. With Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Ltd. as the title sponsor, the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2025 is also sponsored by adidas Hong Kong Limited, Thong Sia Watch Co., Ltd, A.S. Watson Group (HK) Ltd., POAD MEDIA Limited, GP Batteries International Limited, Inchcape Hong Kong 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 WL Centralin (HK) Co., Limited. Supporting organisations include: Information Services Department, Hong Kong Tourism Board, TIML MOM Limited and Leisure and Cultural Services Department.

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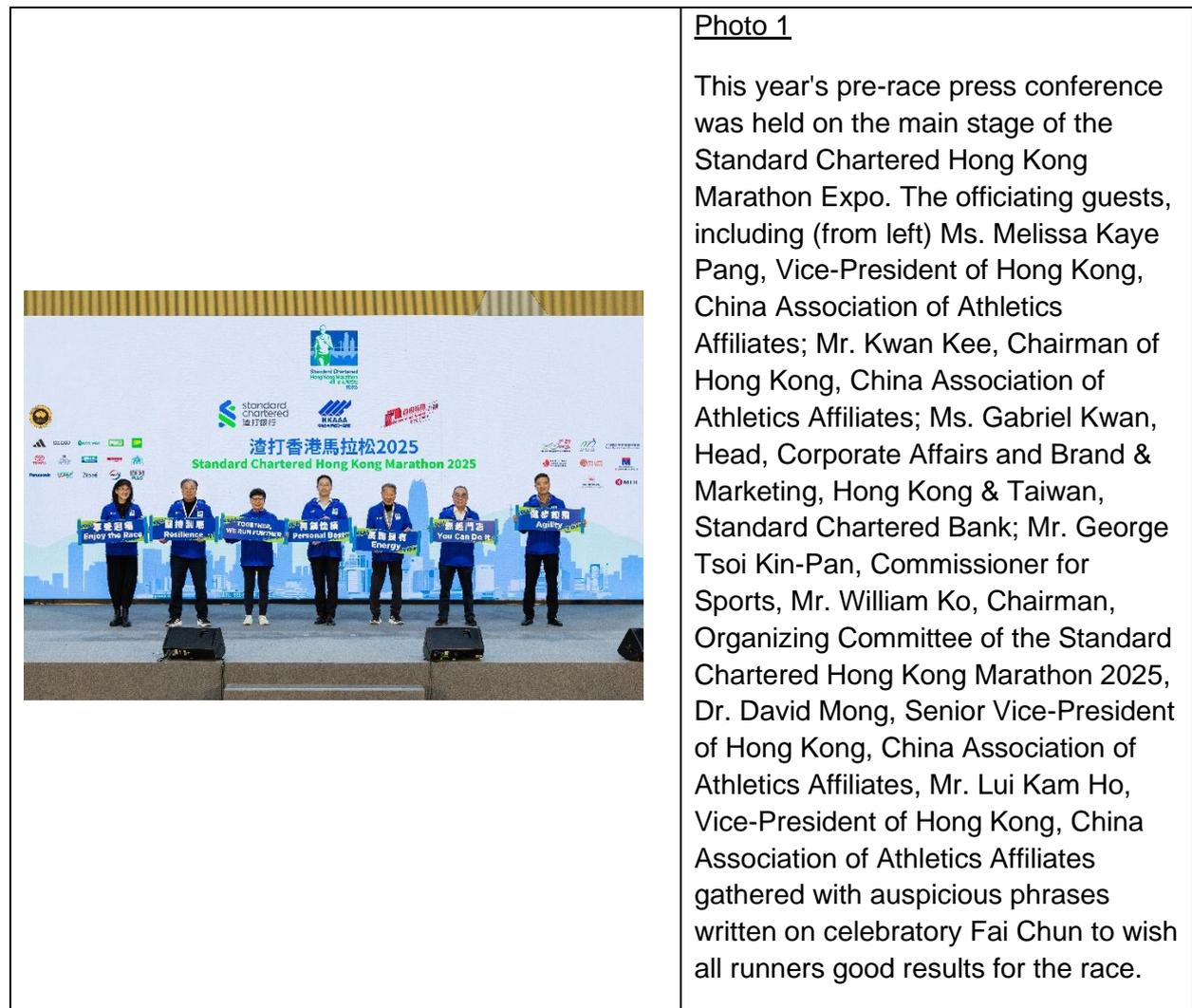




Photo 2

A total of 23 top runners from 6 countries and regions will participate in Sunday's marathon, including five male and four female gold medalists from Kenya, Ethiopia, Israel, South Africa and Morocco who attended the pre-race press conference.



Photo 3

A group of elite international and local runners who participated in the marathon shared their goals and experiences in preparation for the race.

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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.