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The 25th Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon injects positivity to Hong Kong 10-fold celebratory prizes for local runners to scale new heights

HONG KONG, 1 November 2022 – The 25th Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon ('SCHKM') is slated to take place on Sunday, 12 February 2023. Commemorating a quarter-century together with Hong Kongers, Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited ('Standard Chartered Hong Kong') announced a 10-fold 'Special Incentive Award for Marathon' to encourage local runners to achieve their personal best in the 25th Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon. Registration of different entry categories will open in phases on the official website (<http://www.hkmarathon.com>) from 4 November, with the public ballot registration beginning at 10:00am on 15 November.

A special 10-fold prize money for sub 3 runners

To mark the occasion, Mr. Bill Winters, Group Chief Executive of Standard Chartered, was present today (1 November) at the "Kick-off" ceremony of the 25th Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon. He also announced Standard Chartered Hong Kong is additionally sponsoring a 25th edition 10-fold 'Special Incentive Award for Marathon'. Permanent residents of Hong Kong who finish marathon under 3 hours (sub 3) for men and under 3 hours 30 minutes for women (sub 3:30) will each be offered a prize money of HK\$10,000, and crowned as "Mr. and Ms. Thousand Super" respectively.

The 25th Edition Marathon Commemorative Medal

The Organiser will also offer a special 25th Edition Marathon commemorative medal to all of the participants in February's Marathon event.

Mr. Kwan Kee, Chairman of the Hong Kong Association of Athletics Affiliates ('HKAAA'), said: "Sharing the same value and passion, HKAAA and Standard Chartered Hong Kong have been working closely together for over 25 years for the 'Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon' – Hong Kong's signature and international sports event which Hongkongers are proud of. The event has not only brought together overseas and local runners to compete, but has also filled the city with positive spirit."

Ms. Mary Huen, Cluster Chief Executive Officer for Hong Kong, Taiwan & Macau, Standard Chartered Bank, said: "Standard Chartered Hong Kong has been sponsoring the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon since its inception in 1997. It has grown from a race of 1,000 runners into an international mega-sports event. The positivity that spread along the way during this quarter-century has encouraged us to emerge stronger from adversity and keep forging ahead. I look forward to the 25th Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon to injecting momentum to the local community as we 'Shine with Hong Kong' along the path to normalcy."



Similar to previous races, there will be three event categories which include the Marathon, Half-Marathon and 10KM run. Traditional race routes will be adopted with both the Marathon and Half Marathon starting from Nathan Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, while the 10KM races will begin at the Island Eastern Corridor. All races will finish at the Victoria Park.

With the relaxation of inbound travel into Hong Kong, the Organiser will be inviting overseas elite runners, bringing together local and overseas long-distance runners to achieve great results in this international sports event.

Race Details

- A **total enrolment quota of 25,000** for February's milestone event will be allocated across the Marathon, Half-Marathon and 10KM race.

	Marathon	Half-Marathon	10KM
Entry Fee	HK\$600	HK\$520	HK\$420
Quota	6,000	6,000	13,000
Start	Nathan Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon		Island Eastern Corridor
Finish	Victoria Park		

Registration Timeline

- Registration in phases based on runners entry categories**

Entry Category	Registration Period
Challenge Entry	4 November to 10 November
Guaranteed Entry	10 November to 14 November
Public Ballot	15 November to 21 November
Disability Entry	15 November to 30 December
Charity Entry	13 December to 30 December

Guaranteed Entry

Quotas for the three respective categories in the 25th SCHKM have already been reserved for runners who had successfully enrolled for SCHKM2020 and had not enrolled in Guaranteed Entry and selected in SCHKM2021. Eligible applicants can apply from 10 – 14 November and only apply the 25th SCHKM non-challenge race in the same race distance as they were accepted participants in the SCHKM2020. If the number of applicants exceeds the enrollment quotas, places will be allocated through a ballot system. Such remaining accepted participants may only apply under Guaranteed Entry either in the 25th SCHKM or the next SCHKM and there shall be no further Guaranteed Entry thereafter.

Cancellation and Refund Arrangements

If the run is cancelled due to the pandemic or other unforeseen situations, the Organiser will arrange the following:

- If the run is cancelled for 14 or more days to race day (i.e. on or before 30 January 2023), runners will get a 50% refund for their entry fee.



- If the run is cancelled within 14 days to the race day (i.e. after 30 January 2023), there will be no refunds.

Anti-pandemic measures to ensure race safety

All runners participating in the 25th Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon are required to comply with the following requirements imposed by the Hong Kong SAR Government:

1. All participants must meet the latest requirement of the "Vaccine Pass" announced by the Hong Kong SAR Government
2. Submit a Health Declaration Form before collecting the runner's pack.
3. Within 48 hours before the race day (i.e. from 10-11 February 2023), collect the runner's pack in person and conduct the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test for COVID-19 at the runner's pack collection point. The polymerase chain reaction test for COVID-19 is provided by the Organiser and timeslots reservation services will be arranged.
4. As per requirement by the Hong Kong SAR Government, runners will be required to stay away from crowded and high-risk areas after conducting the designated PCR Test.
5. After verification of the vaccination records of the participants, an Event Wristband will be put on the wrist of the participant. Only participants who wear both the Event Wristbands and Runner Bibs will be allowed to enter the race venues on 12 February 2023.
6. Undergo a rapid antigen test (RAT) for COVID-19 and present a picture of the negative RAT results on the day of the Event for checking before entering the race venues.
7. Scan the venue QR code before entering the race venue on race day, present the BLUE code in the 'LeaveHomeSafe' application for officials checking and conduct temperature check to confirm for body temperature is lower than 37.5 °C.
8. If any participant is tested positive either in the PCR test or the RAT, he/she must stay home and inform the relevant government department of such test result. Such participant will not be allowed to participate in the Event.

Standard Chartered is the title sponsor of the 25th Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon and additionally sponsoring the runners' COVID-19 testing service fee in the 25th Edition. Other sponsors include: Western Harbour Tunnel Company Limited, Nike HK Limited, 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 and Anessa.

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

Mr. Bill Winters, Group Chief Executive of Standard Chartered (middle) announced Standard Chartered Hong Kong is additionally sponsoring a 25th edition ten-fold 'Special Incentive Award' for the Marathon's local elite runners.

(Left) Ms. Virginia Lo, winner of the female 10KM Race in Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2021

(Right) Mr. Wong Kai Lok, Marathon winner of the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2021



The officiating guests of the 25th Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon launching ceremony cheered for runners. From left to right:

- The Hon. Kenneth Fok Kai-kong, Legislative Council Member,
- Ms. Mary Huen, Cluster Chief Executive Officer for Hong Kong, Taiwan & Macau, Standard Chartered Bank,
- Mr. Kwan Kee, Chairman of the Hong Kong Association of Athletics Affiliates,
- Mr. Bill Winters, Group Chief Executive of Standard Chartered,
- Mr. Alex Moh, President of the Hong Kong Association of Athletics Affiliates,
- Mr. Benjamin Hung, CEO, Asia of Standard Chartered,
- Ms. Claire Dixon, Group Head, Corporate Affairs, Brand and Marketing, Standard Chartered, and
- Mr. William Ko, Chairman of the 25th Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon Organising Committee.



<p>The 25th Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon is set to take place on 12 February next year.</p>	
<p>Speech by Mr. Kwan Kee, Chairman of the Hong Kong Association of Athletics Affiliates.</p>	
<p>Speech by Ms. Mary Huen, Cluster Chief Executive Officer for Hong Kong, Taiwan & Macau, Standard Chartered Bank</p>	

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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.