



For Immediate Release

## Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2024

*446 HK runners crowned Mr. and Ms. Super Thousand*

**HONG KONG, 21 January 2024** – The Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2024 (SCHKM) concluded today (Sunday). With 74,000 running quotas, it continues to be the city's largest long-distance running events. As a Gold Label Road Race recognised by World Athletics as well as hosting the Asian Marathon Championships for the fifth time, this Hong Kong 'M' Mark event attracted nearly 50 international, Asian, and local top runners competing for major honours.

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 the Marathon runners off to a flying start. Participants were cheered by excited onlookers along the course, adding a vibrant atmosphere to the occasion. Runners from Kenya and Ethiopia were crowned overall champions in the Men's and Women's Marathons, with athletes from India and Mongolia breaking the finishing tape first in winning the Asian Marathon Championships, joined by a host of Hong Kong elite runners who achieved outstanding times in various categories.

### Overall Race Results

In a highly competitive race the Gold label field was beaten out by Seroi Anderson Saitoti from Kenya who raced home in a winning time of 2:12:50 in Men's Marathon, with Medina Armino from Ethiopia securing the top spot in the Women's Marathon, crossing the finish line in a time of 2:28:47 each taking prize winnings of US\$ 65,000.

Intense Asian Marathon Championships competition saw Man Singh from India take the winner's tape with a time of 2:14:19, with Galbadrakh Khishigsaikhan from Mongolia taking the Women's title with a time of 2:33:50. Hong Kong runners featured in the top 15 rankings in both the men's and women's race, with Vut Tsz Ying the overall highest-placed Hong Kong competitor in the Championships, racing into 6th place in the women's category.

In the Half Marathon competition, Sun Xiaoyang from China won the Men's race with a finish time of 1:08:05, with Women's race winner Choi Yan Yin from Hong Kong completing the course in a time of 1:21:01.

The competitive 10KM Race saw Chinese runner Chen Yu Fan taking finishing tape first in the Men's division with a winning time of 0:30:58 with Tsang Hiu Tung from Hong Kong breaking the tape in the Women's division in 0:36:46.

In the 10KM Wheelchair category, Lee Ho Fei finished first in the time of 0:44:06.

### Top Business and Community Leaders run in the 'Leaders Cup'

The Leaders Cup also returned after a five-year hiatus. The Financial Secretary of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Mr. Paul Chan Mo-po joined as a guest runner, participating in the 2KM race together with nearly 40 business and community leaders.

The race started from Wan Chai Sports Ground and finished in Victoria Park alongside other races. First across the finish taking top honours was Mr. Joe Ngai, Chairman, Greater China, McKinsey & Company. He was closely followed by runners-up Mr. Douglas Woo, Chairman & Managing Director, Wheelock and Company Limited in second place and Mr Ng Kok-siong, Executive Director & Chief



Financial Officer, Link Asset Management Limited in third spot.

This year, the newly introduced Legends Cup was awarded to recognise those energetic senior runners. The award was shared among Mr Paul Chan Mo-po, Financial Secretary, Dr Allan Zeman, Chairman of Lan Kwai Fong Group, Dr Bunny Chan Chung-bun, Chairman of Prospective Holdings Limited, Mr Edward Cheng, Deputy Chairman and Chief Executive of Wing Tai Properties Limited, and Mr Peter Woo Kwong-ching, Group Chairman of World International Capital Group.

### **Mr. & Ms. Super Thousand**

This year's race saw the return of the upgraded 'Marathon Special Incentive Award'. Permanent Hong Kong residents finishing the Marathon Challenge race under 3 hours (sub 3) for men or under 3 hours 30 minutes (sub 3:30) for women were awarded the special prize money of HKD10,000. The race saw a total of 446 local challengers achieving their personal best and were crowned as Mr. or Ms. Super Thousand, with 322 men and 124 women competitors respectively.

### **Promoting an inclusive Hong Kong society**

This year's Marathon Charity Programme, with the aim of promoting a diverse and inclusive community, expanded its charity participation to 28 NGO partners. In addition to leveraging the charity quotas, the NGOs hosted charity booths both at the Marathon Carnival and on the race day, offering citizens an opportunity to learn more about the charity and community development in Hong Kong and providing a chance to interact with charity runners. As of the race day, the Programme has raised over HK\$4.4million, and fund-raising activities will continue until the end of March.

The Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon is proud to be awarded an 'M' Mark event status, helping enhance the image of Hong Kong as Asia's sports capital. The 'M' Mark, awarded by the Major Sports Events Committee, symbolises the intense, spectacular and signature event in the territory's 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 high-resolution photos, please refer to the link here: <https://bit.ly/3S8yKiN>



Photo 1

Mr. John Lee, Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (first row, sixth left), Mr. Benjamin Hung, Chief Executive Officer, Asia of Standard Chartered (first row, fifth left), Ms. Mary Huen, Cluster Chief Executive Officer for Hong Kong, Taiwan & Macau, Standard Chartered (first row, fourth right), Gen Dahlan Al-Hamad, President of Asian Athletics Association (first row, sixth right), Mr. Kwan Kee, Chairman of Hong Kong, China Association of Athletics Affiliates (first row, third left), and Mr. William Ko, Chairman of the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2024 Organising Committee (first row, fifth right) officiated the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2024.



Photo 2

Mr. John Lee, Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (fourth left) cheers on for both local and overseas runners of the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2024, together with Mr. Benjamin Hung, Chief Executive Officer, Asia of Standard Chartered (third left), Ms. Mary Huen, Cluster Chief Executive Officer for Hong Kong, Taiwan & Macau, Standard Chartered (first left), and Mr. Kwan Kee, Chairman of Hong Kong, China Association of Athletics Affiliates (second left).



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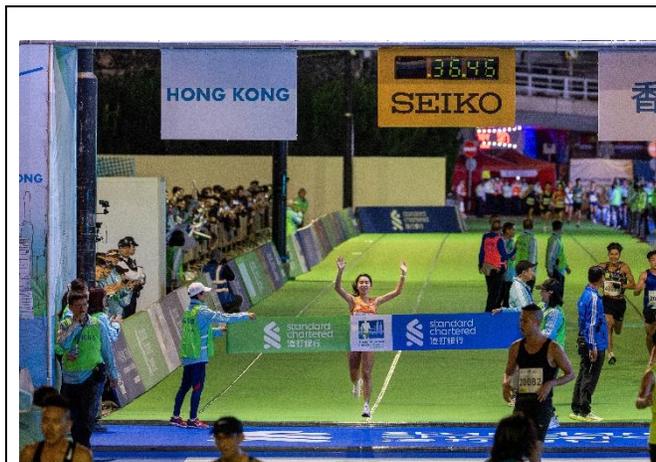
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**About the [Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon](#)**

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.