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Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2021 See You Next Year at the Starting Line on 24 January

HONG KONG (13 May 2020) – Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association and Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited announced today that the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2021 will take place on **Sunday, 24 January** and retains the World Athletics Gold Label Road Race status.

The Organiser is actively preparing for the race next year and has reserved guaranteed entry for the same distance race for 2020 participants. After a year of suspension, the Organiser looks forward to starting off the race with all runners and injecting positivity into our society through this annual international sporting event. Further details and registration arrangement will be announced in due course.

The Organiser calls for concerted effort from the community to stay strong and fit while continuing to combat COVID-19. See you all at the starting line - Together we run further.



Ms. Christy Yiu Kit-ching, Hong Kong's elite runner, is excited about the race, "Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon is an important platform for nurturing elite runners and promoting long-distance running. The Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2021 on 24 January is one of my targets to achieve the entry standard for the Tokyo Olympics. Despite the cancellation of the Hong Kong Marathon this year due to the pandemic, I believe every runner's efforts will pay off. Let's get well prepared to challenge the Marathon next year!"

Mr. Wong Wan Chun, Hong Kong marathon record holder, expressed, "We, as local athletes, all look forward to the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon every year as it provides an opportunity for us to challenge ourselves and reach higher limits. This year, I set a one-hour-and-five-minute half marathon target for myself. Look forward to creating new PBs with you all at the Marathon on 24 January next year!"



Please stay tuned to updates on the Marathon website (<u>www.hkmarathon.com</u>) and official Facebook page (<u>www.facebook.com/hkmarathon</u>).







About the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon www.hkmarathon.com

The Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon, organised by the Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association, 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 7 other cities globally including Taipei, Singapore, Nairobi, Kuala Lumpur, Dubai, Stanley and Jersey, as well as a 5km run in London.