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The Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2021 ***First major sporting event comes off since the pandemic*** ***Local runners accomplish excellent results***

HONG KONG, 24 October 2021 – The Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2021, the first major sporting event for the public since the outbreak of the pandemic, was successfully concluded today. Despite the slightly warmer weather in October compared with previous races, the runners achieved good results.

Race Results

Both Men's and Women's Marathons this year saw fierce competition. In the Men's Marathon, Wong, Kai Lok from Hong Kong took the top spot with a finish time of 2:31:10, while Yiu, Kit Ching from Hong Kong won the top spot in the Women's Marathon with a finish time of 2:39:27. The champions of both Men's and Women's events each took home US\$15,000 in prize money.

For the Half Marathon, Chan, Ka Ho from Hong Kong won in the Men's division with a finish time of 1:08:55. In the Women's division, Vut, Tsz Ying from Hong Kong took first place at 1:20:41.

In the hypercompetitive 10KM Race, Wong, Tsz To from Hong Kong became the champion of the Men's division and beat other opponents with the finish time of 0:31:27. In the Women's division, Lo, Ying Chiu from Hong Kong took first place at 0:36:30.

Highlights of the Marathon

The Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon was postponed this year due to the pandemic. With the great efforts and support of various government departments, the sports sector and the community, it resumed after nearly two years of absence, giving the athletes the opportunity to show their iron will and results of their hard work. This year's race is once again recognized by the World Athletics as a Gold Label Road Race. This morning, Mr John Lee, the Acting Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region ("HKSAR") fired the starting pistol of the Marathon Challenge, kicking off the event.

The Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon organizing committee has introduced a number of measures amid the pandemic to ensure the safety of the runners and the staff. The total number of runner quota is reduced to 18,500, of which 8,000 are for the 10KM Race, 6,500 for the Half Marathon and 4,000 for the Marathon. All runners are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 at least 14 days before the race and undergo a nucleic acid test for COVID-19. Rolling starts are implemented for all non-elite divisions to reduce the number of people gathered at the starting point.

The starting point for the 10KM Race is moved from Island Eastern Corridor to the Western Harbour Crossing Toll Plaza (on the Kowloon side). It is more challenging, and yet, brings a brand-new experience to the runners.



To encourage more runners to take part in the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon and motivate the public to exercise, a virtual edition of the race is also introduced this year. There are over 4,000 runners registered for the virtual run. Starting from tomorrow (25 October) until 14 November 2021, participants can complete and record their run with the official mobile app for their signed up distance - Marathon, Half-Marathon or 10KM - anytime anywhere. Runners would receive an e-certificate, a finishing medal and a commemorative T-shirt after verification of running records.

The Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2021 has been designated as a Brand Hong Kong event by the HKSAR Government. Standard Chartered is the title sponsor of the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2021; other sponsors include: Western Harbour Tunnel Company Limited, Nike HK Limited, Citizen Watches (H.K.) Limited, Watsons Water, POAmedia, GP Batteries International Limited, BMW Concessionaires (HK) Limited, Regal Hotels International, Hisamitsu Pharmaceutical (Hong Kong) Co., Limited (Salonpas), Lukfook Jewellery, Otsuka Pharmaceutical (H.K.) Ltd – SOYJOY Soy Bar (SOYJOY), GOGOX, Shun Hing Group (Panasonic), Banitore®, Reckitt Hong Kong (Dettol), INDICAID® and Prenetics Group Limited. Supporting organizations include Information Services Department, Hong Kong Tourism Board, TIML MOM Limited, and Leisure and Cultural Services Department.

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Photo captions

Photo 1



Mr. John Lee, the Acting Chief Executive of HKSAR (5th from left, 1st row), Mr. Benjamin Hung, Chief Executive Officer of Standard Chartered Bank for Asia (4th from left, 1st row) and Mr. Alex Moh, President of the Hong Kong Association of Athletics Affiliates (4th from right, 1st row) officiate the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2021.



Photo 2



Runners of the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2021's Marathon Challenge race spring into action, determined to finish the 42.195km race.



Photo 3



Citizens cheer on the runners of the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2021 along the race routes.



Photo 4



Wong, Kai Lok from Hong Kong wins the Men's Marathon at the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2021.



Photo 5



Yiu, Kit Ching from Hong Kong wins the Women's Marathon at the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2021.



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Photo 6



Chan, Ka Ho (left) from Hong Kong takes first place in the Men's Half Marathon at the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2021.



Photo 7



Vut, Tsz Ying from Hong Kong takes first place in the Women's Half Marathon at the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2021.



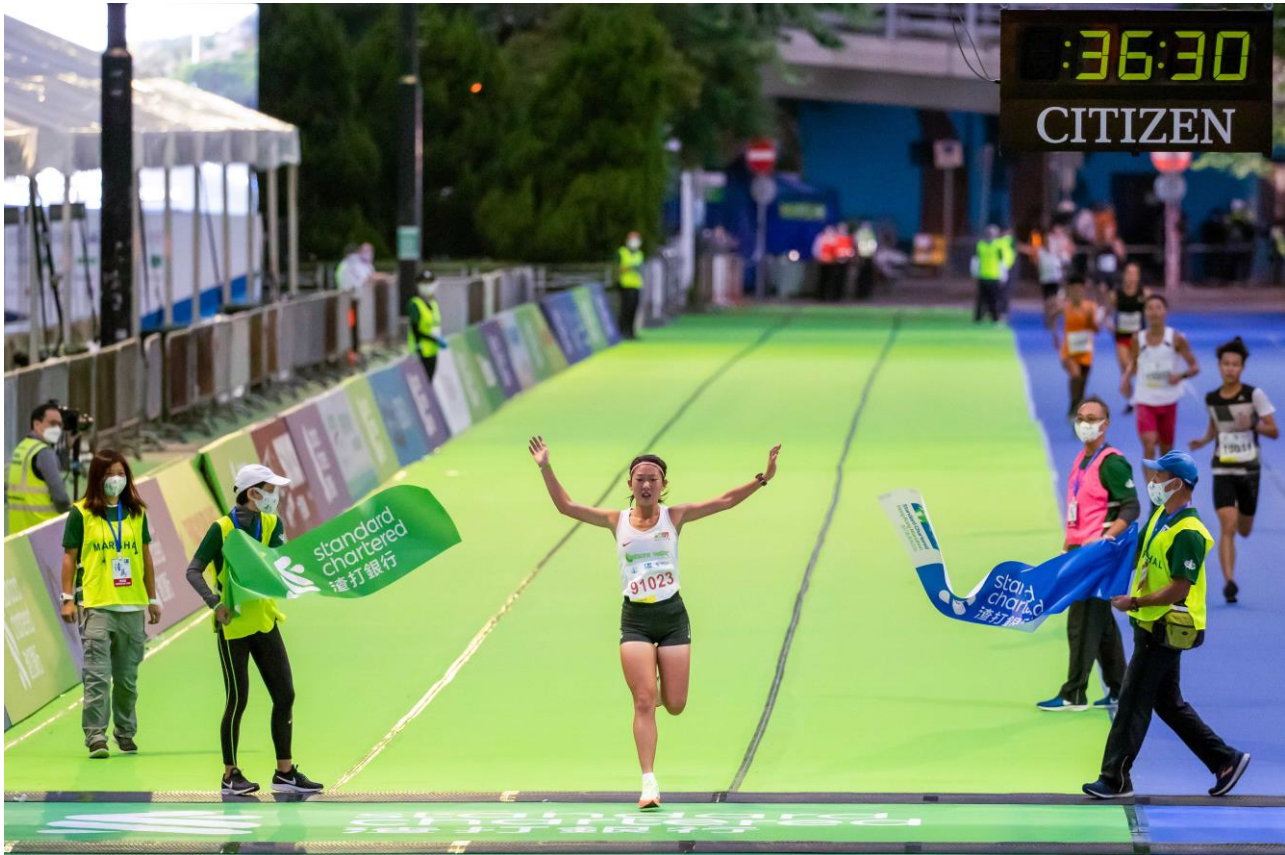
Photo 8



Wong, Tsz To from Hong Kong is the overall champion in the Men's 10KM Race at the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2021.



Photo 9



Lo, Ying Chiu from Hong Kong is the overall champion in the Women's 10KM Race at Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2021.

About the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon

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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 a 5km run in London.

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