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Successful Conclusion of Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2025

with 90 percent participation rate

Kenyan Runners Dominate the Men's Marathon

HONG KONG, 9 February 2025 – As the city's most-participated marquee sporting mega-event, the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2025 concluded today. With a turnout of nearly 90% in cool and dry weather, the event attracted 74,000 registered runners and nearly 15,000 non-local runners from more than 100 countries or regions. This World Athletics Gold Label Road Race also attracted 23 elite runners from 6 countries and regions, including five men and four women Gold Label runners.

The Honourable Chan Kwok-ki, Acting Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, fired the first shot at the Tsim Sha Tsui starting point to signal the start of the Marathon Challenge. The ceremony was joined by other officiating guests including Mr. William Ko, President, Hong Kong, China Association of Athletics Affiliates, Mr. Kwan Kee, Chairman, Hong Kong, China Association of Athletics Affiliates together with Mr. Ben Hung, President, International, Standard Chartered, Ms. Mary Huen, Chief Executive Officer, Hong Kong and Greater China & North Asia, Standard Chartered.

2025 Results

The Marathon Challenge this year continued to be one of the most intense races. Bethwell Kipkemboi Rutto from Kenya crossed the finish line first with a time of 2:11:13, taking home USD65,000 in prize money. The second and third places went to Kennedy Kipyeko and Seroi Anderson Saitoiti, who finished with a time of 2:11:36 and 2:11:40, respectively.

In Marathon Challenge Women, Volha Mazuronak from Belarus completed in first place and won USD70,000 in recognition of her outstanding performance as the overall women's champion. Ethiopian runners Emebet Niguse Mamo came in second with a time of 2:28:03, while Tadelech Bekele Nedi finished third with a time of 2:28:16. Local athletes performed admirably this year, as demonstrated by women runners such as Virginia Law Ying Chiu, the highest-ranked local women runner this year, finishing eighth with a time of 2:39:56 which is also her personal best.

The "Marathon Special Incentive Award" made a return this year to award HKD1,000 to men and women who are Hong Kong residents finishing the Marathon Challenge under 3 hours (sub 3) and 3 hours 30 minutes (sub 3:30), respectively. This year, 383 runners qualified for the award with 274 "Mr. Thousand" and 109 "Ms. Thousand" winning the coveted prize.

Local leaders vie for Leaders Cup

Leaders from various sectors in Hong Kong continued to lend their support to the Leaders Cup, joining the race in person. Officiated by Financial Secretary Mr. Paul Chan, the event saw close to 40 leaders racing 2km from the Wan Chai Sports Ground



to the Victoria Park. Joeseeph Ngai, Chairman, Greater China, Mckinsey & Company was the first to cross the finishing line, followed by Douglas Woo, Chairman & Managing Director, Wheelock and Company Ltd., while Andy Tung, Managing Partner, QBN Capital Limited and Nikki Ng Mien-hua, Director of Philanthropy, Sino Group shared the third place.

Initiatives to support local businesses and boost awareness of marathon

To support local businesses, the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon launched the “Support Small Businesses, Cheer on The City” initiative. Participating small businesses along Lockhart Road decorated their storefronts in support of the event and runners, transforming Tin Hau into a bustling marathon racecourse that doubles as the perfect backdrop for social snaps. Recently, the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon Expo hosted in the Kai Tak Sports Park saw as many as 110,000 people visiting to learn more about the mega-event. The great turnout is a testament to the importance of the Marathon to the city.

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.

For high-resolution photos, please refer to the link here: <https://shorturl.at/ffehB>



Photo 1

The Honourable Chan Kwok-ki, Acting Chief Executive and other officiating guests kicked off the race with a ceremony at the starting point, including Mr. William Ko, President, Hong Kong, China Association of Athletics Affiliates and Mr. Kwan Kee, Chairman, Hong Kong, China Association of Athletics Affiliates, Mr. Ben Hung, President, International, Standard Chartered and Ms. Mary Huen, Chief Executive Officer, Hong Kong and Greater China & North Asia, Standard Chartered.



Photo 2

The Honourable Chan Kwok-ki, Acting Chief Executive, Mr. Kwan Kee, Chairman, Hong Kong, China Association of Athletics Affiliates, Mr. Ben Hung, President, International, Standard Chartered and Ms. Mary Huen, Chief Executive Officer, Hong Kong and Greater China & North Asia, Standard Chartered, cheered for the overseas and local runners who participated in the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2025.



Photo 3

A total of 383 “Mr. and Ms. Thousand” are awarded at the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2025.



Photo 4 & 5

Marathon winners:

Mr. Bethwell Kipkemboi Rutto from Kenya claims the victory with a time of 2:11:13, while Ms. Volha Mazuronak from Belarus wins the race in 2:27:00.



Photo 6

The Organiser continues to invite political and commercial leaders to participate in the Leaders Cup which attracted close to 40 leaders racing.



Photo 7

The Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon launched a new initiative named as “Support Small Businesses, Cheer on The City,” cheering on the runners while transforming the neighbourhood.

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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.