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The 25th Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon Sets the Stage for Return to Normalcy

*The first international "M" Mark Event after the lifting of Covid restrictions,
enables international and local athletes to run further together*

HONG KONG, 19 January 2023 – The much-anticipated 25th Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon will be held on Sunday, 12 February 2023. The 37,000 enrolment quota has been filled and the registration process is now completed. The race represents the first 'M' Mark event to be staged in Hong Kong following the recent easing of Covid restrictions by the Government. Alongside the participation of local runners, international elite athletes are also invited to join the 25th edition of the race, representing a welcome return to normalcy with the community.

In view of the latest lifting of Covid restrictions in Hong Kong, the Organiser has removed some of the anti-pandemic measures for runners, including no polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests 48 hours prior to the race or rapid antigen tests (RAT) for Covid-19 24 hours before the event. However, the mask-wearing requirement adopted at the last Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon remains. Runners must wear a mask upon arriving at the starting line and immediately after completing the race.

All race categories will resume as a mass start and the Cheering Zone will return near the finishing line at Victoria Park, providing an exciting experience for the runners as well as an opportunity for the public to fully engage in the exciting atmosphere. The Organiser will notify runners of the various categories of their confirmed start time and details on the collection of Runner's Pack, via email.

The Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon Carnival, which is held prior to the race day, will open to the general public providing an opportunity to embrace this international sports event together.

Carnival Details

Date: 9 – 11 February 2023 (Thursday – Saturday)
 Time: Thursday – Friday 3pm – 9pm
 Saturday 9:30am – 3pm
 Venue: Central Lawn, Victoria Park, Causeway Bay

**Free admission*

For a high resolution photo, please refer to the link here: <https://bit.ly/3ZObtGe>



Photo Caption

'Together We Run Further' – The much-anticipated 25th Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon, set to take place on 12 February 2023, will now be run without the need for anti-pandemic testing measures. The return of the race, free of Covid restrictions, marks a welcome return to normalcy for the Hong Kong community.

The pre-race Carnival at Victoria Park will open to the public providing a welcome opportunity to join in with the Marathon experience.

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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.

This press release is released by **ActionHouse International Limited** on behalf of the **25th Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon Organising Committee**.

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