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***The Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2019***  
***New Course Records in Both Men's and Women's Marathon Races***

**HONG KONG, 17 February 2019** – The Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2019 came to a successful conclusion. The highlight of this year's race was the record-breaking results in both Men's and Women's Marathons. Tuwei Dickson Kiptum from Kenya and Volha Mazuronak from Belarus were crowned champions in the respective races, while Kiptum attained the championship with a time of 2:09:20, the best time recorded in the past 7 years.

**Overall Marathon Highlights**

Continuing as an IAAF Gold Label Road Race, the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2019 attracted over 10,000 overseas athletes including over 30 world-class elite runners participated in the race. To address the growing demand for the Marathon category in recent years, the quota has been further increased by 4,000 from 18,500 in 2018 to 22,500 in 2019. The Marathon Challenge was officiated by Mrs. Carrie LAM CHENG Yuet-ngor, GBM, GBS, Chief Executive of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region ("HKSAR") today, kicking start this year's race.

Following last year's overwhelming response to 10KM team entry for groups with two up to eight members, the related quota has been increased to 10,000 this year, allowing more runners to enjoy the race with their friends and family.

Apart from the main races, the popular 1KM "Family Run" that launched last year has attracted about 3,000 participants this year running from Central Pier No.10 to Tamar Park to enjoy the unforgettable experience with their families. An after party was held at the finish line, celebrating the joy of the event with runners and the public. The 2.2KM "Youth Dash" for teenagers aged 10-15 started from Wan Chai Sports Ground to Victoria Park, Causeway Bay. The race provided the teenagers with an exclusive opportunity to experience an international sporting event and nurture their interests in long-distance runs in the future.

The Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2019 – Leaders Cup marked the launch of the Standard Chartered Belt and Road Relay. Financial Secretary Paul Chan and Standard Chartered's Group Chief Executive Bill Winters crossed the finish line with various business and community leaders and Standard Chartered staff athletes in the debut run to kick off the world's first belt and road relay race. The 8 athletes will participate in races across 44 Belt and Road cities within a 90-day period.

A series of new elements have been introduced this year to further enhance the race experience, including the finisher medal for all runners upon completing their run with free engraving service. In addition, runners can also choose to have a personalized bib with their first name, making it a memento for the participants and enabling supporters to cheer for the runners in a more personal way along the route.

### **Marathon Challenge Highlights**

Both the Men's and Women's Marathons this year saw record-breaking results. In the Men's Marathon, Tuwei Dickson Kiptum from Kenya took the top spot with a time of 2:09:20, while Volha Mazuronak from Belarus, won the top spot in the Women's Marathon with a time of 2:26:13. The champions of both the men's and women's events each took home US\$65,000 in prize money.

### **Half Marathon and 10KM Highlights**

Jia Erenjia from China won the Men's Half Marathon with a time of 1:10:05, while Yiu Kit Ching from Hong Kong took the top spot in the Women's Half Marathon with a time of 1:16:29.

In the Men's 10KM Race, Shuen Chun Kit from Hong Kong took the top spot with a time of 0:33:00. In the Women's division, Choi Yan Yin from Hong Kong took first place at 0:37:10.

All funds raised from the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2019 will be donated to the race's three official charities: "Seeing is Believing" – Orbis; the Hong Kong Anti-Cancer Society; and the Hong Kong Paralympic Committee & Sports Association for the Physically Disabled.

The Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2019 has been designated a Brand Hong Kong event by the HKSAR government. Other sponsors of the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2019 include: Western Harbour Tunnel Company Limited, Nike Hong Kong, Thong Sia Watch Co., Ltd - SEIKO, Watsons Water, POAD Group Limited, GP Batteries International Limited, BMW Concessionaires (HK) Limited, Regal Hotels International, DKSH Hong Kong Limited (Salonsip), Lukfook Jewellery, Otsuka Pharmaceutical (H.K.) Ltd. (SOYJOY), GOGO VAN and Samsung Electronics Hong Kong Co. Ltd. Supporting organisations include: Information Services Department, Hong Kong Tourism Board, TIML MOM Limited and Leisure and Culture Services Department.

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### **About the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon**

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The Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon is Hong Kong's largest participatory annual sporting event, organised by the HKAAA. With first title sponsorship in 1997, Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong) Limited will celebrate its 23<sup>rd</sup> year as title sponsor with the 2019 Event.

Standard Chartered also sponsors marathons in 7 other cities globally including Taipei, Singapore, Nairobi, Kuala Lumpur, Dubai, Stanley (Falkland Islands), and Jersey.

Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon 2019 has been recognised as 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 events in the territories sports calendar.