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For information

Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs

Race Routes for the Hong Kong Marathon 2013

Purpose

This paper informs Members of the race routes for the Hong Kong Marathon 2013 to be held on 24 February 2013.

Background

2. On 15 March 2012, the Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs discussed the safety arrangements for the Hong Kong Marathon 2012. During the meeting, Members asked us to advise the Panel of the race routes for the Marathon in 2013 once these had been finalised.

3. For the past 16 years, the Hong Kong Marathon has been organised by the Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association (HKAAA) on a self-financing basis. The event has the support of relevant government departments including the Auxiliary Medical Service, Civil Aid Service, Environmental Protection Department, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Highways Department, Home Affairs Bureau, Home Affairs Department, Hong Kong Police Force, Information Services Department, Leisure and Cultural Services Department, and Transport Department.

Event Updates

4. In addition to the marathon, half marathon and 10-kilometre races, a 3-kilometre and half marathon wheelchair races will be added to the event. The number of participants is expected to exceed 72 000. The HKAAA has provided the information on the finalised races routes as well as an update on the safety arrangements for the event, at the **Annex**.

Advice Sought

5. Members are invited to note the information provided by the HKAAA on the race routes for the Hong Kong Marathon 2013.

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Race Routes and Safety Arrangements for the Hong Kong Marathon 2013

Background

Scheduled for 24 February 2013, the Hong Kong Marathon 2013 (Marathon 2013) will be organised by the Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association (HKAAA) and sponsored by the Standard Chartered Bank (Hong Kong). The event will include marathon, half marathon, 10-kilometre races and wheelchair races.

2. For marathon, half marathon and wheelchair races, registration began on 24 October 2012. For 10 km races, registration began on 31 October 2012. The entry quota for this year's event is 72 105. The Marathon 2013 Organising Committee (OC) received about 90 000 applications. Except wheelchair races, all the race events were full immediately. The enrollment has closed on 1 November 2012.

Race Routes

3. The race routes for Marathon 2013 are similar to those of the previous two editions. Details are as follows:

• Marathon :



**Start on Nathan Road (TST) near Hotel Mira → Austin Road
→ Canton Road → Wui Cheung Road(w/b) → Road D1A(S) →**

Road D1A(N) → West Kowloon Highway(s/b) → Ngong Shuen Chau Viaduct(e/b) → Stonecutters Bridge(s/b) → East Tsing Yi Viaduct(s/b) → Nam Wan Tunnel(s/b) → West Tsing Yi Viaduct(s/b) → Tsing Ma Bridge(Kln/b) → Ting Kau Bridge(s/b) → Cheung Tsing Tunnel(Kln/b) → Tsing Kwai Highway(s/b) → West Kowloon Highway(s/b) → Western Harbour Crossing(s/b) → Connaught Road West Flyover(e/b) → Man Po Street → Man Kwong Street(e/b) → Man Yiu Street(s/b) → Lung Wo Road(e/b) → Fenwick Pier Street(e/b) → Convention Avenue(e/b) → Hung Hing Road(e/b) → Marsh Road flyover → Lockhart Road(e/b) → East Point Road → Great George Street → Gloucester Road(n/b) → **Finish at Victoria Park, Hong Kong**

- **Half Marathon and Half Marathon Wheelchair Race:**



Start on Nathan Road (TST) near Hotel Mira → Austin Road → Canton Road → Wui Cheung Road(w/b) → Road D1A(S) → Road D1A(N) → West Kowloon Highway(s/b) → Tsing Kwai Highway(s/b) → Turning Point(near Exit 4A, Route 3) → Tsing Kwai Highway(s/b) → West Kowloon Highway(s/b) → Western Harbour Crossing(s/b) → Connaught Road West Flyover(e/b) → Man Po Street → Man Kwong Street(e/b) → Man Yiu Street(s/b) → Lung Wo Road(e/b) → Fenwick Pier Street(e/b) → Convention Avenue(e/b) → Hung Hing Road(e/b) → Marsh Road flyover → Lockhart Road(e/b) → East Point Road → Great George Street → Gloucester Road(n/b) → **Finish at Victoria Park, Hong Kong**

- **10 km :**



Start on Island Eastern Corridor (e/b)near City Garden → Turning Point(near Oi Tak Street, Shau Kei Wan) → Island Eastern → Corridor(w/b) → Victoria Park Road(w/b) → Causeway Bay Flyover(Exit to Gloucester Road w/b) → Gloucester Road(s/b) → Finish at Victoria Park, Hong Kong

- **3km Wheelchair Race :**



Start at Wanchai Sports Ground → Tonnochy Road → Convention Avenue Hung Hing Road → Marsh Road Flyover → Lockhart Road(e/b) → East Point Road → Great George Street → Gloucester Road(n/b) → Finish at Victoria Park, Hong Kong

Safety Arrangements

4. In response to the increase in the number of participants, the OC has further enhanced the safety arrangements for Marathon 2013 as follows:

- The HKSARG Auxiliary Medical Services (AMS) will set up medical stations and first aid stations at the Start, Finish and various points along the routes on the day of the race. The number of stations have increased from 33 in 2012 to 35 this year. The AMS will deploy medical personnel, including 750 first aiders and nurses and 30 doctors, and ten ambulances to stand by and provide medical services.
- The AMS will also provide four ambulance-aid motorcycles and six first aid bicycles to patrol the Tsing Ma Bridge, Stonecutters Bridge, Connaught Road West Flyover, Lockhart Road and East Point Road (last 1 km of the race route) to ensure a safe race.

5. The HKAAA, AMS and other concerned government departments will further discuss the detailed arrangements of first aid coverage on the day of the race. Moreover, the HKAAA has organised different levels of marathon training classes before the race, attracting over 600 participants. The HKAAA has also launched a Jogging Promotion Scheme in Wan Chai, Kowloon City and Sha Tin to instill proper safety concepts in the participants, thereby raising their safety awareness.

6. The HKAAA has invited 12 doctors of various specialties, sports experts, nutritionists, instructors and experienced top Hong Kong runners to be the "Team Marathon Experts" (Team ME). Members of the Team ME not only share preparation and training tips regularly through the Marathon website and on Facebook with the participants, but also remind the participants to have sufficient preparation, stay within their own limits, and understand their body conditions before and on the day of the race to ensure a safe and enjoyable run.

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