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For information

Legislative Council Panel on Home Affairs

Race Routes for the Hong Kong Marathon 2017

Purpose

This paper informs Members of the race routes for the Hong Kong Marathon 2017 scheduled to be held on 12 February 2017.

The Hong Kong Marathon

2. The Marathon will enter into its 21st anniversary in 2017. It has been organised by the Hong Kong Amateur Athletic Association (HKAAA) on a self-financing basis since its inception in 1997. The event has the support of relevant government departments by sending representatives to sit on the Organising Committee, including the Auxiliary Medical Service, Civil Aid Service, Environmental Protection Department, Food and Environmental Hygiene Department, Hong Kong Police Force, Hong Kong Fire Services Department, Highways Department, Home Affairs Bureau, Home Affairs Department, Hong Kong Tourism Board, Information Services Department, Leisure and Cultural Services Department and Transport Department.

3. In recognition of the status of the event, the Sports Commission and its Major Sports Events Committee has awarded “M” Mark status to the Marathon for the 13th year. Also, the event has been recognised as a Road Race Gold Label by the International Association of Athletics Federations for the second year.

Event Updates

4. The event this year will adopt the same revised race routes as last year. Marathon and half marathon participants will run from Nathan Road in Tsim Sha Tsui to Argyle Street, before turning towards the West Kowloon Highway. The route offers runners an experience of the city and provides more space for the public to cheer for them. Participants

of the 10-kilometre race, held on Island Eastern Corridor as before, will turn back at Shau Kei Wan for heading to the Finish point at Victoria Park. The latest route information and related safety arrangements for the event as provided by the HKAAA is at the [Annex](#).

5. There are 74 000 entry quotas this year. Given the overwhelming response in recent years, members of the public have to compete for places on the first day of registration. Making reference to registration arrangements adopted by other international competitions, the Marathon has introduced the public ballot entry system this year and the outcome is satisfactory. In addition, the HKAAA introduced a quota of 300 charity places this year so that runners could help those in needs while enjoying the race.

6. Members are invited to note the information provided by the HKAAA on the race routes for the Hong Kong Marathon 2017.

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Race Routes and Related Arrangements for the Hong Kong Marathon 2017

Background

Scheduled for 12 February 2017, the Hong Kong Marathon 2017 is 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 (km) and wheelchair races, and were open for registration through the public ballot entry system from 14 to 28 September 2016.

Race Routes

2. The Marathon 2017 Organising Committee (OC) has proposed a route in West Kowloon area to improve the race route condition for runners. Details are as follows:

(a) Marathon



Start on Nathan Road (Tsim Sha Tsui) near Hotel Mira → Nathan Road south of Kansu Street → Nathan Road (northbound) north of Kansu → Argyle Street → Cherry Street (westbound) → Lin Cheung Road (southbound) → West Kowloon Highway (southbound) → Ngong Shuen Chau Viaduct (Kowloon bound) → Stonecutters Bridge

(Kowloon bound) → East Tsing Yi Viaduct (Kowloon bound) → Nam Wan Tunnel (Kowloon bound) → West Tsing Yi Viaduct (Kowloon bound) → down ramp slip road of Tsing Ma Bridge (Kowloon bound) → Ting Kau Bridge (southbound) → Cheung Tsing Tunnel (Kowloon bound) → Tsing Kwai Highway (southbound) → West Kowloon Highway (southbound) → Western Harbour Crossing (southbound tube) → Connaught Road West Flyover (eastbound) → Man Po Street → Yiu Sing Street (eastbound) → Yiu Sing Street (southbound) → Lung Wo Road (eastbound) → Fenwick Pier Street (eastbound) → Convention Avenue (eastbound) → Expo Drive (northbound) → Road P2 (eastbound) → Convention Avenue (eastbound) → Hung Hing Road → Marsh Road Flyover → Lockhart Road (eastbound) → Percival Street → Hennessy Road (eastbound) → Yee Wo Street (eastbound) → Sugar Street → **Finish at Victoria Park, Causeway Bay**

(b) Half Marathon



Start on Nathan Road (Tsim Sha Tsui) near Hotel Mira → Nathan Road south of Kansu Street → Nathan Road (northbound) north of Kansu → Argyle Street → Cherry Street (westbound) → Lin Cheung Road (southbound) → Route 3-Exit 3 → Tsing Kwai Highway (southbound) → Turning Point (near Exit 4A, Route 3) → Tsing Kwai Highway (southbound) → West Kowloon Highway (southbound) → Western Harbour Crossing (southbound tube) → Connaught Road West Flyover (eastbound) → Man Po Street → Yiu Sing Street (eastbound) → Yiu Sing Street (southbound) → Lung Wo Road

(eastbound) ➔ Fenwick Pier Street (eastbound) ➔ Convention Avenue (eastbound) ➔ Expo Drive (northbound) ➔ Road P2 (eastbound) ➔ Convention Avenue (eastbound) ➔ Hung Hing Road ➔ Marsh Road Flyover ➔ Lockhart Road (eastbound) ➔ Percival Street ➔ Hennessy Road (eastbound) ➔ Yee Wo Street (eastbound) ➔ Sugar Street ➔ **Finish at Victoria Park, Causeway Bay**

(c) 10-km



Start on Island Eastern Corridor (eastbound, near City Garden) ➔ Turning Point (near Oi Tak Street, Shau Kei Wan) ➔ Island Eastern Corridor (westbound) ➔ Victoria Park Road (westbound) ➔ Causeway Bay Flyover (exit to Gloucester Road westbound) ➔ Gloucester Road (southbound) ➔ Finish at Victoria Park, Causeway Bay

(d) 10-km Wheelchair Race



Start on Island Eastern Corridor (eastbound, near City Garden) → Turning Point (near Oi Tak Street, Shau Kei Wan) → Island Eastern Corridor (westbound) → Victoria Park Road (westbound) → Gloucester Road (westbound) → Paterson Street → Kingston Street (eastbound) → Gloucester Road (southbound) → Finish at Victoria Park, Causeway Bay

(e) 3-km Wheelchair Race



Start at Wan Chai Sports Ground → Tonnochy Road (southbound) → Convention Avenue (westbound) → Expo Drive East (southbound) → Convention Avenue (eastbound) → Hung Hing Road → Marsh Road Flyover → Lockhart Road (eastbound) → Percival Street → Hennessy Road (eastbound) → Yee Wo Street (eastbound) → Sugar Street → Finish at Victoria Park, Causeway Bay

Safety Arrangements along Race Routes

3. In response to the number of participants, the OC has further enhanced the safety arrangements for Marathon 2017 as follows -

- The Auxiliary Medical Services (AMS) will set up 39 medical stations and first aid stations at the Start, Finish and various points along the routes on the day of the event. The AMS will deploy medical personnel, including 697 first aiders, 55 nurses and 36 doctors, with nine ambulances standing by to provide emergency medical services.
- The AMS will also provide four ambulance motorcycles and 20 first aid bicycles to patrol the Nathan Road new extension route (i.e. the first 2.2 km), Tsing Ma Bridge, Stonecutters Bridge, and Connaught Road West Flyover to ensure race safety.

4. The HKAAA, AMS and other concerned government departments will further discuss the detailed arrangements of first aid coverage on the day of the event. Moreover, the HKAAA and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department have organised different levels of marathon training classes before the races, attracting over 4 300 participants.

Emergency Vehicular Accesses (EVAs)

5. The Marathon 2017 has the following EVAs -

- Marathon and Half Marathon Races

To ensure reaching the casualty in the most effective manner, EVAs will be set alongside route sections on expressways. EVAs in urban areas, in view of geographical limitations, will be set on a temporary basis, meaning that personnel on site will clear EVAs for access by emergency vehicles if needed.

- 10-km Race and 10-km Wheelchair Race

The 10-km race will take place on Island Eastern Corridor, with the slow lane of both eastbound and westbound carriageways reserved as EVAs. A safety convoy comprising a rehab bus (with AMS members on duty) and a delivery truck (to remove any damaged wheelchair if needed) will follow the 10-km wheelchair participants up to Gloucester Road before turning into Paterson Street and proceeding to the Finish point at Victoria Park.

- 3-km Wheelchair Race

Adopting the same route of marathon and half marathon race, the 3-km wheelchair race will start at Wan Chai Sports Ground and finish at Victoria Park. A safety convoy, comprising an AMS ambulance, a rehab bus and a delivery truck, will follow the 3-km wheelchair participants up to Yee Wo Street where they turn into Sugar Street and proceed to the Finish point.

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