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Haitong International 2017 HK Open Windsurfing Championships Officially Opens Inviting the whole city to enjoy Hong Kong's largest annual windsurfing event

Hong Kong, 11 October 2017 – Haitong International 2017 Hong Kong Open Windsurfing Championships, the city's annual and largest international windsurfing competition, officially opened today. The Opening Ceremony for the Championships was held at the Hong Kong Sea School near Stanley Main Beach, with Executive Director of the Title Sponsor Haitong International Securities Group Limited (665.hk) Mr. Jianfeng Sun joining Mr. Cowen Chiu, MH, President of the Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong to officiate the ceremony.

Attending the Championships this year are accomplished windsurfing athletes from around the world, all converging in Hong Kong to test their skills alongside the city's finest athletes. In 1996, Hong Kong windsurfer Lee Lai-shan made history by winning the windsurfing gold medal at the 27th Atlanta Olympic Games, and becoming the first-ever Hong Kong Olympic Gold medalist. In recent years, the Hong Kong windsurfing squad has itself achieved outstanding results on the international stage, with a breakthrough top ten ranking for Michael Cheng Chun Leung and Hayley Chan Hei Man at the 2017 RS:X World Championships, and a gold medal secured by Hayley Chan Hei Man recently at the 2018 RS:X World Cup Japan Stop Women division. Following a short rest, both athletes will be joined by other members of the Hong Kong squad, including Rafeek Kikabhoy, Lee Chun Ting, Leung Ho Tsun, Lo Sin Lam, Ma Kwan Ching and Ngai Wai Yan, to compete in the many races scheduled throughout the Haitong International 2017 Hong Kong Open Windsurfing Championships from 2 to 5 November, concluding with the awarding ceremony at 3pm on 5 November at the Hong Kong Sea School.

Mr. Jianfeng Sun, Executive Director of Haitong International Securities Group Limited, expressed: "For many years, Haitong International has contributed to the community through various initiatives and in various sectors, and has always endeavoured to be a leading corporate citizen. This year, the company is extending its CSR activities to the sporting world, through a long-term agreement with the Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong, putting its full support behind the inspiring sport of windsurfing as Title Sponsor of the Hong Kong Open Windsurfing Championships."

Mr. Cowen Chiu, MH, President of the Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong, praised the Hong Kong windsurfing athletes' efforts and performance, and thanked relevant government departments, sports organisations and Title Sponsor Haitong International for their unreserved support of windsurfing in Hong Kong: "Haitong International's sponsorship of all windsurfing competitions organised by the Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong in the coming years will be invaluable in cultivating the Hong Kong windsurfing squad and promoting the sport to the general public. This sponsorship will give windsurfing a new momentum in Hong Kong, and carries great importance to the Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong and Hong Kong's windsurfing athletes."

The race course in this year's championships will be located in Tai Tam Bay opposite Stanley Main Beach. Members of the public can view the exciting, high-speed windsurfing races from Stanley Main Beach, and take part in the Haitong International "Navigating New Frontiers" Photography Competition, for a chance to win a professional grade camera drone, GoPro HERO 6 and cash prize. With the theme 'Navigating New Frontiers', participants of the photography competition are required to take photos during Haitong International 2017 Hong Kong Open Windsurfing Championships from November 1 to November 5. For more information, please visit Facebook @htiwindsurfing



Hong Kong Open Windsurfing Championships

Held since 1983, the Hong Kong Windsurfing Open Championship has over 35 years of history and is one of the largest windsurfing events in Hong Kong and one of the most important in Asia. The purpose of hosting the championships is to promote the development of windsurfing in Hong Kong, and provide a platform for local windsurfers and overseas athletes to raise their competitive standards. Every year, the windsurfing competition attracts large audiences and extensive media coverage.

Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong

Windsurfing was introduced to Hong Kong in the 1970s and is one of the fastest growing water sports in Hong Kong. As a response to the sport's rapid evolution, the Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong was formally established in 1979 to provide training courses and facilitate competitions, and further promote the development of windsurfing in Hong Kong. In the 1990s, windsurfing was selected by the Hong Kong Sports Development Board as one of the four key development projects. Since then, and under the joint efforts of the Hong Kong government, the Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong, and the Hong Kong Windsurfing Squad, Hong Kong windsurfing athletes have pushed the boundaries and achieved outstanding results on the international stage.

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