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**Haitong International Launched the Opening Ceremony of Haitong International iQFOiL Asian Windsurfing Championships and Hong Kong Open Windsurfing Championships**

**Hong Kong, 5 December 2022** – Haitong International Securities Group Limited ("Haitong International" or "the Group"; 665.HK) today launched the Opening Ceremony as sponsor of the Haitong International iQFOiL Asian Windsurfing Championships and Hong Kong Open Windsurfing Championships, organized by the Hong Kong Windsurfing Association (WAHK).

The Opening Ceremony was conducted at Hong Kong Sea School, with Mr Kenneth Fok, JP, Member of the Legislative Council of the HKSAR; Mr Vincent Cheng, MH, JP, Member of the Legislative Council of the HKSAR; Dr. Karl Kwok, BBS, MH; Vice President of the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong; Mr Jonathan Poon, Leisure Manager of Leisure and Cultural Services Department (Sports Development); Mr Tony Sun, Executive Director and Executive Committee Member of Haitong International; Mr Cowen Chiu, MH, Honorary President of WAHK; and Mr Eric Chau, President of WAHK, attending the ceremony. Representatives from political, financial and sports communities, as well as participating athletes, joined the event.

The Championships will commence in Stanley Main Beach from 6 December, and the finals and performances to be held at East Coast Park Precinct. This is the first international-level surfing event in Hong Kong since 2013 and the first Asian Championship held after iQFOiL was named as an official windsurfing class in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, bringing together over 80 elite local, regional and international athletes to compete for the championships in a total of eight divisions, including men, women, youth and junior. To recapture the excitement of the competition held at Victoria Harbor in 2021, world-class athletes are invited to deliver spectacular iQFOiL and Wingfoil performances at Victoria Harbor on 11 December, allowing the public to experience the thrill of the sport.

Mr Tony Sun, Executive Director and Executive Committee Member of Haitong International, said, "Haitong International firmly believes that a thriving sports industry is an important pillar of the wellness of society. We are delighted to join hands with WAHK to present a high-level international match this year. Looking ahead, Haitong International will continue to work together with WAHK to drive the development of windsurfing, demonstrating the city's vitality."

Haitong International has been a key sponsor of WAHK since 2017, providing comprehensive support in running windsurfing events and promoting the sport to the general public. In addition, the Group launched the Haitong International Hong Kong Youth Windsurfing Training Program to nurture and foster elite athletes.

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