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Haitong International Successfully Held Haitong International iQFOiL Asian Windsurfing Championships and Hong Kong Open Windsurfing Championships

Hong Kong, 12 December 2022 – Haitong International Securities Group Limited ("Haitong International" or "the Group"; 665.HK) successfully sponsored the Haitong International iQFOiL Asian Windsurfing Championships and Hong Kong Open Windsurfing Championships, organized by the Hong Kong Windsurfing Association (WAHK), as well as the iQFOiL and Wingfoil performances at Victoria Harbor at East Coast Park Precinct on 11 December.

This event was the first international-level surfing competition in Hong Kong since 2013 and the first Asian Championship after iQFOiL was named as an official windsurfing class in the Paris 2024 Olympic Games, bringing together over 80 elite athletes from the UK, Korea, Japan, Singapore, Thailand, and more regions. Five days of knock-out matches were held at Stanley Main Beach.

The finals were conducted at Victoria Harbor on 11 December, allowing the public to watch the world-class athletes' spectacular performances featuring in eight divisions of the Championships. Titouan Galea, three-time World Champion from France; and Jose Estredo Perez, nine-time World Champion from Venezuela, delivered splendid iQFOiL and Wingfoil performances at Victoria Harbor, further encouraging sportsmanship among the community.

The Award Presentation and Closing Ceremony were held, including officiating guests Mr Zhang Guoyi, Vice Minister of the Propaganda Article Department of Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR; Mr Paul Cheng, Acting Commissioner for Sports of Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau of HKSAR; Mr Vincent Ng, SBS, JP, Chairman of Harbourfront Commission; Dr Lin Yong, JP, Deputy Chairman and CEO of Haitong International; Mr Chau Ngai-man, President of WAHK; and Mr Eric Man, Chairperson of Organising Committee. Representatives from political, financial and sports communities, as well as participating athletes, joined the event. Trophies and cash prizes were presented to the champion, first runner-up and second runner-up of various divisions by Haitong International.

Mr Paul Cheng, Acting Commissioner for Sports of Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau of HKSAR, said, "It is exciting to participate in today's Championships. The HKSAR Government has long been promoting sports in the community, supporting elite sports and maintaining Hong Kong as a center for major international sporting events, as part of its sports development strategy. The event was conducted at Victoria Harbour with iQFOiL and Wingfoil performances and experiential activities, inviting citizens to join in the fun of sports. Hosting international competitions will additionally nurture the long term development of elite athletes, and I look forward to more Asian and international windsurfing events being hosted in Hong Kong."

Dr. LIN Yong, JP, Deputy Chairman and CEO of Haitong International, said, "Hong Kong is reviving its vitality and gradually bringing back international sporting events with the epidemic under control. Haitong International is delighted to join hands with WAHK to present this high-level international match, gathering elite local, regional and international athletes to compete in Hong Kong. Since 2017, Haitong International has been collaborating with WAHK to nurture potential athletes and promote the development of windsurfing, with the aim of enhancing social cohesion through the sport that brings pride to Hong Kong."

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Hong Kong Open Windsurfing Championships

Since 1983, the Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong has been organising the Hong Kong Open Windsurfing Championships and has since become the ultimate stage to compete amongst international and Hong Kong athletes and gained attention from the press and the general public.

For over three decades, the Hong Kong Open Windsurfing Championships shares a mission to promote the sport of windsurfing and nurture local talents. The competition is always on top of the latest trends and developments in the sport, making it a world-renowned windsurfing event.

Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong

Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong (WAHK) was established in 1979, with the mission to promote, organise and coordinate the development of windsurfing in Hong Kong. WAHK organises all levels of training programs, local competitions and international championships, alongside assessments for the professional qualifications of windsurfing instructors on a regular basis. We also provide step-by-step training on race management; certification for centers and schools that offer windsurfing courses; as well as the selection of outstanding athletes to represent Hong Kong in international events.

WAHK has made considerable strides in recent years on the planning and development fronts, local athletes have repeatedly achieved tremendous performance and progress in international windsurfing competitions while triumphing glory for the local sports arena. It also serves the initial founding motives of WAHK – to cultivate and nourish potential athletes to take part in international competitions, and to promote windsurfing to the general public of Hong Kong. With the support of all sectors of society and the active participation from the local community, especially teenagers and youngsters, this sport thrives on a dual-track pursuing popularisation together with elitism.

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