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**Haitong International Launched the Opening Ceremony of  
Haitong International 2023 Hong Kong Open Windsurfing Championships**

**Hong Kong, 31 October 2023** – Haitong International Securities Group Limited ("Haitong International" or "the Group"; 665.HK) today launched the Opening Ceremony as sponsor of the Haitong International 2023 Hong Kong Open Windsurfing Championships, organized by the Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong, China ("WAHK").

The Opening Ceremony was conducted at Hong Kong Sea School, with Mr Sam Wong, MH, Commissioner for Sports of Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau; 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 Henry Shi, 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 ceremony.

The Championships will commence in Stanley Main Beach from 1 November and the finals will be conducted at Victoria Harbor with the brand new racing course at Kwun Tong Promenade on 5 November, bringing together over 80 elite local, regional and international athletes to compete for the championships in various divisions. Mr Eric Chau, President of WAHK, said, "This year marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hong Kong Open Windsurfing Championship, which shares the mission of promoting the development of windsurfing in Hong Kong. The Championships continue to develop with enhanced professionalism in sports sector, development of sports as an industry, sports promotion in the community and many aspects. With the solid supports received over the years, WAHK joins hands with various parties in promoting the sports development, nurturing future generation of athletes and enhancing the public's understanding of windsurfing. These valuable supports make the Championships to become a well-known international sports event."

As the long-term sponsor of WAHK, Mr Henry Shi, Executive Committee Member of Haitong International, attended the ceremony and presented certificates of appreciation to the outstanding athletes in the 19<sup>th</sup> Asian Games Hangzhou that include Ms Ngai Wai-yan, the silver medalist in the Women's RS:X, Ms Ma Kwan-ching, the silver medalist in Women's Windsurfing - iQFOiL, and Mr Cheng Ching-yin in Men's Windsurfing – iQFOiL, recognizing their outstanding achievements in various windsurfing competitions. He also encouraged the participating athletes to inherit the sportsmanship spirit and "navigate the new frontier" in the upcoming competitions.



Haitong International firmly believes that a thriving sports industry is an important pillar of the wellness of society. Since 2017, the Group has been a key sponsor of WAHK, providing comprehensive support in running windsurfing events, nurturing potential athletes and promoting the sport to raise the social cohesiveness among the public. It will continue to support the city's sport and recreational industry, giving back to the society.

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