



China CITIC Bank International The 15th Asian Dragon Boat Championships **The heat is on!**

Exciting races and fun carnival for a joyous long weekend

(Hong Kong: 11 October 2024) Sponsored by China CITIC Bank International and organised by Asian Dragon Boat Federation and Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association, China CITIC Bank International The 15th Asian Dragon Boat Championships (the "Championship") is now on at Kwun Tong Promenade until 13 October 2024. At the opening ceremony held earlier today, Mr Zhu Jianping, Head of Sports Section of the Department of Publicity, Cultural and Sports Affairs of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region ("HKSAR"); Hon Kenneth Fok Kai-kong, JP, Member of the Legislative Council, HKSAR; Mr Wong Po-kee, MH, Honorary Deputy Secretary General, Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China; Mr Claudio Schermi, President, International Dragon Boat Federation, and Ms Cary Lai Ka-wai, Chief Leisure Manager (Sports Development), Leisure and Cultural Services Department, HKSAR, alongside organisers Mr Lo Kam, President, Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association and Mr Chung Chi-lok, Chairman, Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association, with title sponsor Mr Bi Mingqiang, Executive Director, President & Chief Executive Officer, China CITIC Bank International Limited, announced the beginning of the Championships.

The biennial Championships is a main event in the dragon boat racing calendar. A first-time host back in 1996, Hong Kong welcomes back the Championships since its reunification with the motherland.

Mr Chung Chi-lok, Chairman, Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association, pointed out, "The Championships have drawn a total of 800 members of elite dragon boat teams across 13 Asian countries and regions including more than 100 from Hong Kong. They all came together vying for the highest honour in Asia's dragon boat racing scene. We are pleased to see the marvellous citizen turnout at the Kwun Tong Promenade for the exciting Championships enjoy this main event while soaking up the exhilarating vibes of this traditional Chinese sports."

Mr Bi Mingqiang, Executive Director, President & Chief Executive Officer, China CITIC Bank International Limited, said: "We take pleasure in welcoming back to Hong Kong the Asian Dragon Boat Championships after 28 years and would like to express our gratitude to Asian Dragon Boat Federation and Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association for their effort. A Chinese bank with a century-old heritage in Hong Kong, China CITIC Bank International takes pride in sponsoring this dragon boat event of Asia, contributing the strength of CITIC further into the development of culture and sports in Hong Kong."

Celebrating the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China – China CITIC Bank International National Day Cup

The 2,000m morning races on the first day of the Championships saw China take top prizes in the mixed group, women's group and open group categories while Macau, China and Hong Kong, China won the first runner-up and second runner-up respectively. China also earned championship title in the mixed group of the 200m race. The rest of the races will continue until 13 October 2024 with the full results to be published on the Championships website at <https://hkcdba.org/adbc>.

In celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, China CITIC Bank International has organised earlier this morning a China CITIC Bank International National Day Cup – a friendly match among dragon boat teams from Hong Kong corporations and other institutions for the enjoyment of members of the general public. The dragon boat team of The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited (Towngas) came out tops followed by the teams from Hospital Authority New Territories East Cluster, Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited and China Construction Bank (Asia) Corporation Limited.

Injecting new blood into traditional sports

The Championships this year include a U24 youth group which has attracted a young crowd including university athletes, helping to inject new blood into the traditional game. Budding university athletes Chau Chun Fung and Chau Tsz-yan from the China Hong Kong dragon boat team said: "We spent a great deal of time gearing up for our Asian Dragon Boat Championships foray and look to the home-team advantage for achieving peak performance and good results."

International dragon boat veteran Mr Alan Yiu Nai-man who is also a member of the China Hong Kong dragon boat team, remarked, "The China, China Taiwan and Thailand teams are at the top of the game. Competition for this year's championships will be thrillingly fierce."

Carnival games with a touch of Chinese tradition

The stage and an auditorium are set at the Kwon Tong waterfront for the Championships from 11 to 13 October to welcome Hong Kong citizens who are invited to watch the races, feel the vibes and cheer for the athletes. There are also souvenir kiosks and a total of 14 stalls for traditional Chinese games such as Cuju (football), Pitch-Pot, Mask (facial makeup), Tippy Top, Tangram and Burr Puzzle. Visitors may join the games and collect stamps for fabulous gifts. During the Championships, the venue is open from 10am to 5pm daily. Admission is free.

Photos:

Photo 1:



From left: Mr Chung Chi-lok, Chairman, Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association; Mr Wong Po-kee MH, Honorary Deputy Secretary General, Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong; Hon Kenneth Fok Kai-kong, JP, Member of the Legislative Council of the HKSAR; Mr Lo Kam, President, Hong Kong China Dragon Boat Association; Mr Bi Mingqiang, Executive Director, President & Chief Executive Officer, China CITIC Bank International Limited; Mr Zhu Jianping, Head of Sports Section of the Department of Publicity, Cultural and Sports Affairs of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR; Mr Claudio Schermi, President, International Dragon Boat Federation; and Ms Cary Lai Ka-wai, Chief Leisure Manager (Sports Development), Leisure and Cultural Services Department, HKSAR, at the opening ceremony of the China CITIC Bank International The 15th Asian Dragon Boat Championships

Photo 2:



The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited (Towngas) comes out tops as champion of The 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China – China CITIC Bank International National Day Cup

Photo 3:



Following the completion of the 2,000m and 200m races on the first day of the Championships, the rest of the races will continue until 13 October 2024

Details of China CITIC Bank International The 15th Asian Dragon Boat Championships

Participating countries and regions:

Australia	China	Hong Kong, China	Macau, China
Chinese Taipei	India	Iran	Japan
South Korea	Malaysia	Philippines	Singapore
Thailand			

Competition schedule:

Date	Schedule
11 October Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening Ceremony• 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China - China CITIC Bank International National Day Cup• Asian Dragon Boat Championships 200m and 2,000m races• Open Group / Mixed Group / Women's Group (12-person dragon boat and 22-person dragon boat)• Youth Group U24 (12-person dragon boat)
12 October Saturday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Asian Dragon Boat Championships 100m event• Open Group / Mixed Group / Women's Group (12-person dragon boat and 22-person dragon boat)• Youth Group U24 (12-person dragon boat)
13 October Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Asian Dragon Boat Championships 500m event• Open Group / Mixed Group / Women's Group (12-person dragon boat and 22-person dragon boat)• Youth Group U24 (12-person dragon boat)

Official website: <https://hkcdba.org/adbc>

Promotional video: <https://youtu.be/iwbCBPZAvg8>

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China Hong Kong Dragon Boat Association

Since its establishment in 1991, the Hong Kong Dragon Boat Association has been committed to promoting, developing, managing, and organizing dragon boat competitions and training. The Federation is affiliated to the Sports Association and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China. It is also a founding member of the international and regional dragon boating organizations "International Dragon Boating Federation", "Asian Dragon Boating Federation" and "Hong Kong Aquatic Sports Council". As the coordinating organization for dragon boat racing in Hong Kong, the China Hong Kong Dragon Boat Association is committed to preserving the cultural and historical traditions of dragon boat racing, actively promoting the development of local and international dragon racing activities, selecting and training the Hong Kong dragon boat team, and organizing training courses for referees and coaches, and encourage local dragon boat teams to participate in overseas international competitions.

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