## 9th Hong Kong Games' Jockey Club Vitality Run to open for enrolment on January 10 (with photos)

The 9th Hong Kong Games' Jockey Club Vitality Run will be held on March 3 (Sunday) for members of the public to enjoy the fun of running and show support for the Hong Kong Games (HKG). The Hong Kong Jockey Club will continue to be the title sponsor of this event. Enrolment will begin on January 10 (Wednesday).

The Jockey Club Vitality Run is scheduled to be held alongside the Shing Mun River in Sha Tin in the morning on March 3. Enrolment quotas of 4 300 and 1 200 are available for the about-3km run (open to all ages) and the 10km run (for those aged 16 or above) respectively. Members of the public can register free of charge.

The about-3km run will begin at 8.30am. The route will start at Yuen Wo Road (near Yuen Wo Playground), proceeding to Sha Tin Rural Committee Road, Tai Chung Kiu Road, Fo Tan Road and then heading back to Yuen Wo Road and finishing at Yuen Wo Road near Sha Tin Sports Ground.

The 10km run will commence at 8am, also from Yuen Wo Road (near Yuen Wo Playground), proceeding to Sha Tin Rural Committee Road, Tai Chung Kiu Road, Fo Tan Road, and then heading back to Yuen Wo Road. After arriving at Yuen Wo Road Sports Centre, participants will switch to the jogging and cycling tracks alongside the Shing Mun River via the Hong Kong Sports Institute campus and sports ground, then turn around before the Sha Tin Sewage Treatment Works (without entering the Hong Kong Sports Institute) and finishing at Yuen Wo Road near Sha Tin Sports Ground.

Applicants may enrol in activities through My SmartPLAY App, the SmartPLAY webpage or smart self-service stations starting from 8.30am on January 10 on a first-come-first-served basis while stocks last.

Each participant will receive a souvenir T-shirt and other souvenirs. Participants completing the run within the time limits (i.e. 45 minutes for the about-3km run and 90 minutes for the 10km run) will also receive a certificate and a souvenir medal. To add more fun to the event, participants can dress up and compete for the Most Creative Costume Prize and the Overall Best Team Costume Prize.

The prospectus is available at the 9th HKG dedicated website (<a href="www.hongkonggames.hk">www.hongkonggames.hk</a>), District Leisure Services Offices under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), leisure venues with Leisure Link Services and LCSD sports grounds.

On the event day, activities including stage performances, game booths

on new sports, a sports interactive game zone with a combination of multimedia and virtual reality technology, and a photo corner, etc, will be set up at Yuen Wo Playground so that participants can enjoy the fun of sports and greet the upcoming inter-district sports competitions and community participation programmes of the 9th HKG.

The HKG is a territory-wide major multi-sport event with the 18 Districts as participating units. The inter-district sports competitions of the 9th HKG will be held between April 21 and June 9 this year, covering eight sports, namely athletics, badminton, 3-on-3 basketball, futsal, swimming, table tennis, tennis and volleyball. The sports competitions for people with disabilities include wheelchair 3-on-3 basketball and boccia; and those for people with intellectual disability include swimming and table tennis.

Apart from sports competitions, a wide range of activities are also organised for public participation, including the 18 Districts' Pledging cum Cheering Team Competition, voting for My Favourite Sporty District and guessing the Overall Champion of the 9th Hong Kong Games, a Dynamic Moments photo contest, the opening ceremony, and closing cum prize presentation ceremony.

The 9th HKG is organised by the Sports Commission and co-ordinated by its Community Sports Committee, with the Home Affairs Department, the LCSD, the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, and the relevant National Sports Associations of the sports competitions as coorganisers. The Jockey Club is the major sponsor of the event.

Details about the 9th HKG are available at the dedicated website (www.hongkonggames.hk).







