

[HKETO, Brussels supports Oxfam Trailwalker and highlights Hong Kong's can-do spirit in Belgium \(with photos\)](#)

The Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Brussels (HKETO, Brussels) has supported Oxfam Trailwalker in Belgium for the fourth consecutive year, with the latest event held by Oxfam Solidarity Belgium on August 25 and 26.

This year, to raise money for charity, some 200 teams of four people made the 100-kilometre trek through the High Fens around Eupen, one of the most beautiful areas of Belgium. The teams had a maximum of 30 hours to complete the effort, with some continuing their journey through the night to the finish.

As Trailwalker originated in Hong Kong, the event is an ideal opportunity to promote Hong Kong's many green areas and hiking trails. Trailwalker is now a worldwide event that takes place in nine countries over four continents.

At Oxfam Trailwalker in Belgium this year, the Deputy Representative of HKETO, Brussels, Miss Fiona Chau, officiated at the opening ceremony by giving opening remarks and firing the starting gun for the trek alongside the Deputy Minister-President and Minister for Culture, Employment and Tourism of the German-speaking Community of Belgium, Ms Isabelle Weykmans.

In her opening remarks, Miss Chau said that the strenuous effort and perseverance required to complete the arduous trail journey exemplify Hong Kong's can-do spirit. Noting that it had taken a lot of determination, dedication, self-discipline and effort for the hikers to prepare for the challenging event, she encouraged them to persevere and get the best out of themselves in order to complete the 100km hike. She also invited participants to visit Hong Kong to discover the city's beautiful countryside and hiking trails for themselves.

