## <u>"M" Mark status awarded to Hong Kong</u> <u>International Airport · Standard</u> <u>Chartered Hong Kong Marathon: Three-</u> <u>Runway System 10km International Race</u>

The following is issued on behalf of the Major Sports Events Committee:

The Major Sports Events Committee (MSEC) has awarded "M" Mark status to Hong Kong International Airport · Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon: Three-Runway System 10km International Race, which will be held on November 17.

The Chairman of the MSEC, Mr Wilfred Ng, said today (November 11), "The Three-Runway System 10km International Race is the only long-distance running event prior to the full operation of the Three-Runway System. It provides runners with the memorable experience of running on a runway with aircraft taking off and landing nearby. Like other "M" Mark events, this activity will inject new vitality locally, while further solidifying Hong Kong's status as a sports events capital."

The "M" Mark System aims to encourage and help local "national sports associations" and private or non-government organisations to organise more major international sports events and nurture them into sustainable undertakings. Sports events meeting the assessment criteria will be granted "M" Mark status by the MSEC. Funding support will also be provided to some events.

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