"M" Mark status awarded to LINK Hong Kong Open

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

The Major Sports Events Committee (MSEC) has awarded "M" Mark status to the LINK Hong Kong Open, which will be held at the Hong Kong Golf Club (Fanling) from November 21 to 24.

The Chairman of the MSEC, Mr Wilfred Ng, said today (November 15), "We are very pleased to award the "M" Mark status to the LINK Hong Kong Open. The Hong Kong Golf Open is the oldest annual international sporting event in Hong Kong, attracting top players from around the world each year. The event showcases Hong Kong's capability to host world-class sports events and further solidifies Hong Kong's status as a sports events capital."

In addition, Hong Kong will host the golf event for the 15th National Games (NG) to be held next year. The LINK Hong Kong Open will also serve as a test event for the NG.

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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