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Bank of China (Hong Kong) Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (Hong Kong Section) Half Marathon 2026 – Event Elevated to World Athletics Platinum Label Road Race
Inaugural 10km Race Introduced with Total Quota Expanded to 10,000 Participants

Organised by the **Hong Kong, China Association of Athletics Affiliates (HKAAA)** and title sponsored by **Bank of China (Hong Kong)**, the “**Bank of China (Hong Kong) Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (Hong Kong Section) Half Marathon (BOC HZMB Half Marathon) 2026**” is set to take place on **Sunday, 15 November 2026**.

This year’s event marks a monumental milestone and has received official recognition from World Athletics as a “**Platinum Label Road Race**”. This prestigious status distinguishes it as **Hong Kong’s First WA Platinum Label Road Race** – only the **fourth in the world** to achieve this elite certification – and anticipates drawing top-tier athletes from across the globe to compete in Hong Kong. To mark the occasion, the HKAAA today hosted a press conference and official launch ceremony at the Bank of China Tower to announce the event details and registration arrangements. Officiating guests included the Hon. Kenneth Fok, BBS, JP, Member of the Legislative Council (Sports, Performing Arts, Culture and Publication); Dr. David Mong, President of the HKAAA; Mr. Kwan Kee, MH, Chairman of the HKAAA; Mr. Stephen Chan, Deputy Chief Executive of Bank of China (Hong Kong); Dr Simon Yeung, MH, JP, Chairman of the BOC HZMB Half Marathon Organising Committee, and Ms. Camay Lee, Assistant Director (Leisure Services)² of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department.

Dr. David Mong, President of the Hong Kong, China Association of Athletics Affiliates, stated, “The HKAAA has remained steadfast in its commitment to developing Hong Kong’s running culture. Building on our established success, we aim to continue providing a unique racing experience for both local and international runners at this event. Following our elevation to a World Athletics Platinum Label Road Race, participants will once again have the opportunity to challenge themselves on the iconic Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge and compete alongside global elites. This not only injects further vitality into our city but also reinforces Hong Kong’s status as an international hub for major sporting events. Furthermore, we are introducing a new 10km category this year, offering runners who excel at shorter distances the chance to showcase their skills on the magnificent Bridge.”

Mr. Stephen Chan, Deputy Chief Executive of Bank of China (Hong Kong), remarked, “The elevation of the ‘BOC HZMB Half Marathon’ to Platinum Label status is a crucial milestone in fostering Hong Kong’s status as a capital for international sports events, contributing to the implementation of the nation’s ‘15th Five-Year Plan’ in accelerating the building of a sports powerhouse. This year, Bank of China (Hong Kong) is proud to support once again this major local sporting event, in conjunction with our subsidiary, BOC Life. Furthermore, in tandem with the race day arrangements at the AsiaWorld-Expo, this initiative aims to raise public awareness of physical and mental well-being while infusing society with

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positive energy. The event actively promotes sports development by supporting elite sports, maintaining Hong Kong as a centre for major international sports events, enhancing professionalism, developing sports as an industry and promoting sports in the community. At the same time, the race offers runners a unique opportunity to experience the nation’s magnificent infrastructure as they stride into the Greater Bay Area – Run Together, Thrive Together.”

To encourage broader participation among running enthusiasts, the scale of this year’s event has been significantly upgraded. The total participant quota will be expanded to **10,000 runners**, distributed across the Half Marathon Challenge Race, the Open Group and the **newly introduced 10km Challenge Race**.

To ensure seamless logistics, the organiser will provide dedicated shuttle buses from key urban locations to transport 10km runners to AsiaWorld-Expo. Several enhanced race arrangements will also be maintained, the time limit remains **3 hours** for the Half Marathon and **1 hour 30 minutes** for the 10km race. Furthermore, shuttle bus services will continue to operate from the assembly point to the starting grid, allowing runners to enjoy the spectacular scenery of the Bridge and complete the course in comfort.

Priority registration for qualified runners will commence on **Thursday, 11 June 2026 at 2:00 pm** and close at **12:00 noon on Monday, 15 June 2026**. Public ballot registration will open on **Thursday, 18 June 2026, at 2:00 pm** and conclude at **12:00 noon on Thursday, 2 July 2026**.

The event is open to local and overseas runners aged 16 or above. The entry fee for local participants is **HK\$ 550** for the Half Marathon and **HK\$ 450** for the 10km race. Substantial prize money is on offer, with the overall male and female champions of the Half Marathon Challenge Race eligible for a top prize of up to **US\$ 15,000**, alongside special prize categories designated for Hong Kong Permanent Residents.

For further registration information and event details, please visit the official website at <https://www.hzmb-halfmarathon.com/>.

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