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Bank of China (Hong Kong)
Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (Hong Kong Section) Half Marathon 2026
Concludes Successfully with Record Participation
Nearly 10,000 Runners Race Across the Iconic Bridge

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"** was completed successfully today. Nearly 10,000 runners were racing along the world's longest cross-sea bridge and tunnel. This event has been awarded "M" Mark recognition. Distinguished guests, including **The Hon Paul Lam Ting Kwok, GBS, SC, JP**, Secretary for Justice; **Ms. Rosanna Law Shuk Pui, JP**, Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism; **Mr. Chan Tsz Tat, CDSM**, Commissioner of Customs and Excise; **Ms. Manda Chan Wing Man, JP**, Director of Leisure and Cultural Services; **Mr. Wang Huabin** and **Mr. Stephen Chan**, Deputy Chief Executives of Bank of China (Hong Kong); and **Mr. Kwan Kee, MH**, Chairman of the HKAAA, officiated at the starting ceremony.

This year's race, upgraded to a **World Athletics Platinum Label event**, featured the strongest elite runner lineup ever. In the male's half marathon, first place went to Platinum Label Ethiopian runner Addisu Gobena, who finished with a time of 1:01:35; in second place was fellow Ethiopian runner Aliyi Kasim with a time of 1:02:31; and third place went to Kenyan runner Alex Lenalepisho, finishing at 1:02:50. In the female's half marathon, first place went to Ethiopian runner Wede Kefale, who finished with a time of 1:09:04; in second place was South African runner Glenrose Xaba with a time of 1:09:11; and Ethiopian runner Fantu Worku, finishing at 1:09:16 to take third place.

Among local runners, Cheung Yiu-leung and Lo Ying-chiu clocked 1:08:49 and 1:17:31 respectively to claim the title of the fastest local male and female half-marathon runners. In the newly introduced 10km Challenge, Ip Nga-kit and Luk Wai-yan Vivian also emerged as the fastest local male and female competitors with times of 32:36 and 38:58.

Bank of China (Hong Kong) has long been committed to fulfilling its corporate social responsibility. By supporting the BOC HZMB Half Marathon, the Bank does not only promote the development of long-distance running events but also continuously strengthens stakeholder engagement and experience, supporting the HKSAR Government's sports development strategy of "promoting sports in the community, supporting elite sports, maintaining Hong Kong as a centre for major international sports events, enhancing professionalism, developing sports as an industry." The BOC HZMB Half Marathon also joins other marathons supported by Bank of China Group in Beijing, Wuhan, Yangzhou and Guangzhou to form a family of "BOC Mega Marathons", further demonstrating Bank of China's responsibility and commitment to advancing the national vision of building a sporting powerhouse.

Marking Hong Kong's fast-approaching 30th anniversary of its return to the Motherland and Bank of China's 110th year of service in the city, distinguished members of society were

invited to participate in a special 2km "BOC Honorary Cup", with Mr. Wang Huabin, Deputy Chief Executive of Bank of China (Hong Kong) and Mr. Kwan Kee, HKAAA Chairman officiating at the starting ceremony.

The star-studded guest list featured Mr. Paul Lam Ting Kwok, Secretary for Justice and his spouse Mrs. Lam; Ms. Choi Yuk Lin, Secretary for Education; Mr. Chan Tsz Tat, Commissioner of Customs and Excise, along with Mrs. Ann Kung Yeung Yun Chi and Mr. Ronick Chan, Advisers of Bank of China (Hong Kong) and Ms. Carmen Kan, General Counsel of Bank of China (Hong Kong). In addition, numerous Legislative Council members, representatives from regulatory authorities, institutions, public organisations, chambers of commerce, and enterprises, along with well-known figure Ms. Guo Jingjing and other celebrities set foot on one of the nation's marvelous feats of infrastructure – the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge – and made history together as Hong Kong hosted its first and currently the only Platinum Label road race. Furthermore, the new Principals' Cup invited nearly 30 principals to participate in the event, creating an extraordinary lineup.

This year's event has increased its total entry quota to 10,000, featuring the Half Marathon Challenge Race, the Open Group and the 10km Challenge Race. The cut-off times are 3 hours for the Half Marathon and 1 hour 30 minutes for the 10km race. For the convenience of participants, the organiser arranged shuttle buses from key urban locations to transport 10km runners to AsiaWorld-Expo.

Bank of China (Hong Kong) also set up a number of photo spots and distributed personalised souvenirs specially for runners at AsiaWorld-Expo, in addition to hosting the "Family MAX Fun Athletics", which allowed young runners to showcase their athletic talents and families to experience the joy of sports as well as the vibrant marathon atmosphere together.

The Bank of China (Hong Kong) Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (Hong Kong Section) Half Marathon (BOC HZMB Half Marathon) 2026 is an "M" Mark event that helps enhance the image of Hong Kong as Asia's sports event capital. The "M" Mark awarded by the Major Sports Events Committee symbolises intense, spectacular and signature events in the city's sports calendar.

The "Bank of China (Hong Kong) Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HK Section) Half Marathon 2026" is title sponsored by Bank of China (Hong Kong), with additional sponsors including BOC Group Life Assurance Company Limited, ASICS Hong Kong Limited, A.S. Watson Group (HK) Ltd, Thong Sia Watch Co., Ltd., Regal Hotels International, BYD Co., Ltd., YNBY International Limited, Omni Beauty Retailing Limited (Zoff Hong Kong), Foon Tai Trading Company Limited, Saving International (Holdings) Ltd. (CLEVER) and Made Brands Limited (Rokeby). The venue partner is AsiaWorld-Expo Management Limited, and the supporting organisations are Major Sports Events Committee and MTR Corporation Limited.

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