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**World Rowing Coastal Championship 2019 presented by Dah Sing Bank
Draws to a Close**

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**Ukraine and Spain Become the Big Winners
Hong Kong Wins a Gold in Women's Quadruple and a Bronze in Women's Double**

(Hong Kong, 3 Nov 2019) **The 2019 World Rowing Coastal Championships presented by Dah Sing Bank** (WRCC) drew to a close after the three-day race at the Victoria Harbour, with Team Ukraine and Spain as the outright winners. Ukraine picked two golds in coastal women's solo and coastal mixed double sculls, while Spain won two golds in coastal men's double sculls and coastal men's solo, while host Hong Kong Team clinched a gold in coastal women's coxed quadruple sculls and a bronze medal in coastal women's double sculls.

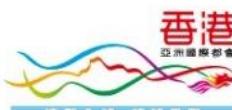
On the final day of the WRCC, Hong Kong advanced to Finals A in five events. Hong Kong's coastal women's quadruple sculls team Wong Sheung Yee, Leung King Wan, Leung Wing Wun, Hung Wing Yan Winnie and Tse Yan Man beat Russia and Denmark to clinch the gold medals. Lee Ka Man and Lee Yuen Yin ranked the third place in coastal women's double sculls.

Hong Kong team member Tse Yan Man admitted winning the gold medal in coastal women's coxed quadruple sculls were truly surprising, "We climbed to the second place at the turning point, but we were then notified that we won the first, it was definitely an unexpected result to us," Tse Yan Man said. This Hong Kong team's average age is younger than 22. As for Lee Ka Man and Lee Yuen Yin, the siblings came in third in the coastal women's double sculls, and the duo were satisfactory about their performance today. "We made some mistakes in the qualifying heats, after reviewing our performances, we managed to perform more consistently in the finals," said Lee Yuen Yin. The Lee's siblings also thanked for the support of the home fans, who gave them extra motivation during the race.

Team Ukraine shares the same glory with Spain at this Championships, winning two golds. Diana Dymchenko successfully defended her world champions title in coastal women's solo, while Diana Dymchenko and Yuriy Ivanov secured the first



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place at the coastal mixed double sculls. Team Spain also collects two golds at coastal men's double sculls and coastal men's solo.

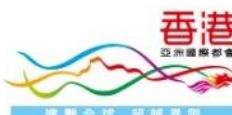
Mr. Jean-Christophe Rolland, President of World Rowing Federation (FISA), is proud to see the perfectly run 2019 WRCC in Hong Kong. "We are thrilled the 2019 WRCC achieved excellent results and feedback from the participating rowers, spectators and working partners. Having a great number of top rowers racing at this beautiful Victoria Harbour and spectacular cityscape is definitely an unforgettable experience to all of us. All the rowers show courage, abilities, endurance and skills to achieve their best results. We would like to give our biggest thanks to the Hong Kong, China Rowing Association as the organiser of these world championships, as well as The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club as the Venue & Delivery Partner and Legacy & Lead-up Partner, the presenting sponsor Dah Sing Bank, and to other supporting partners. Without their collaboration and efforts, the world championships will not be such a great success."

HKCRA plays a vital role of making a great success of the WRCC. **Mr. Mike Tanner, Chairman of the organising committee of WRCC 2019 and Chairperson of HKCRA**, said "We are very excited and proud to see all the events and ceremonies of the world championships carried out smoothly and professionally. The journey of preparing the organisation of these world championships has been amazing and wonderful. The overwhelming response from the overseas and local rowers, as well as the media interest, proves that coastal rowing is increasingly popular both locally and globally. With the educational exhibition at the World Champ Square, we aim to foster better understanding of coastal rowing to the local community. Last but not least, we congratulate all the participating and winning rowers for their achievements."

The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (RHKYC), as the Venue & Delivery Partner and Legacy & Lead-up Partner, is highly regarded by the organisers and athletes for the Club's support and hospitality. **Mr. John Woo, Commodore of the RHKYC**, is thrilled to share the success of the race organisation. "The RHKYC is honoured to be part of the world championships and share the joy and excitement with the participating rowers and spectators. As one of the longest-established sports clubs in Hong Kong, we have been promoting the development of rowing, sailing and paddling in the city. Apart from running training programmes for youth and adults, the Club also plays a key role in organising and managing international watersports events in Hong Kong. Since the first official regatta held in 1845, Victoria Harbour has been an ideal venue for watersports competitions and activities. It is the vibrancy and energy of the harbour and the city that makes Hong Kong a water sports hub, regionally and globally."



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The theme of the WRCC 2019 is “Let’s Row ‘n’ Rock”, the Organising Committee has organised the “World Champ Festival” at Central Harbourfront Event Space, where the Medals Presentation Ceremony was held at night, local band sp'ACE will perform at the closing ceremony, pushing the atmosphere to a high note as the Championships draws to an end.

The 2019 World Rowing Coastal Championships presented by Dah Sing Bank is recognised as an “M” Mark event, and that helps promote Hong Kong’s image as Asia’s sports hub. The “M” Mark awarded by the Major Sports Events Committee, symbolising intense, spectacular and signature event in the territory sports calendar. Presented by Dah Sing Bank, the event is also supported by the RHKYC as the Venue & Delivery Partner and Lead-up & Legacy Partner, as well as The Tung Foundation as education programme sponsor. Other supporting partners include “Star” Ferry, the Hong Kong Maritime Museum and the WWF. If you wish to revisit any information, photos and news stories about the Championships, please log on to WRCC’s website, as well as the official website of the WRCC (www.wrcc2019.com).

Captions

0001 & 0002 Hong Kong’s Wong Sheung Yee, Leung King Wan, Leung Wing Wun, Hung Wing Yan, Winnie and Tse Yan Man claimed a victory in coastal women’s quad coxed sculls.

0003 & 0004 Lee Ka Man and Lee Yuen Yin expressed their thankfulness for the presence of their home fans after clinching the bronze medal in coastal women’s double sculls.

05 Ukrainian rower Diana Dymchenko successfully defended her title in coastal women’s solo.

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About The World Rowing Federation (FISA)

The World Rowing Federation, FISA (from the French, Fédération Internationale des Sociétés d'Aviron) is the governing body of the sport of rowing. It is empowered by its 155 member National Rowing Federations, the National Olympic Committees and the International Olympic Committee to govern the sport of rowing.

FISA sets the rules and regulations for the practice of the sport, in all its forms including elite, para-rowing, coastal, masters and aspects of indoor rowing. FISA oversees sanctioned World Rowing events and provides advice and expertise for the organisation of rowing regattas. The Federation also works on coaching education and other matters relating to the sport and its development.

About Hong Kong China Rowing Association (HKCRA)

The Hong Kong China Rowing Association (HKCRA) was established in 1978 and is the governing body for the sport of rowing in Hong Kong. It is affiliated to the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, and to the Asian Rowing Federation (ARF) and World Rowing Federation (FISA).

The HKCRA operates two rowing centres adjoining the Shing Mun River in Sha Tin. They are Sha Tin Rowing Centre and Jockey Club Shek Mun Rowing Centre, located at Fo Tan and at Shek Mun respectively. Most Hong Kong rowing clubs are based at these two Centres for regular training and competition. Sha Tin Rowing Centre also serves as the official headquarters and administrative offices of the Association.

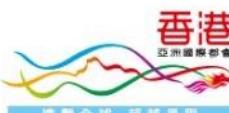
The HKCRA has entitled and organised different types of promotion and development programmes and activities including Youth Development Programme, Para-rowing Programme, Indoor Rowing for Schools Programme and Coastal rowing activities, aiming to expand the sport of rowing at community level for different people with the ultimate goal to achieve rowing for all.

About Dah Sing Bank

Dah Sing Bank, Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Dah Sing Banking Group (HKG:2356) which is listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. Founded in Hong Kong over 70 years ago, Dah Sing Bank has been providing quality banking products and services to our customers with a vision to be “The Local Bank with a Personal Touch”. Over the years, the Bank has been rigorous in delivering on our brand promise to grow with our customers in Hong Kong, the Greater Bay Area and beyond – “**Together We Progress and Prosper**”. Building on our experience and solid foundation in the industry, the Bank’s scope of professional services now spans retail banking, private banking, business and commercial



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banking, with 45 branches operating throughout Hong Kong. Meanwhile, the Bank is also making significant investments in our digital banking capabilities to stay abreast with smart banking developments in Hong Kong and to support financial inclusion at large.

In addition to its Hong Kong banking operations, Dah Sing Bank also has wholly owned subsidiaries including Dah Sing Bank (China) Limited, Banco Comercial de Macau, and OK Finance Limited. It is also a strategic shareholder of Bank of Chongqing with a shareholding of about 15%.

About The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club (RHKYC)

The Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club is one of the oldest and largest sports clubs in Hong Kong, with a rich, colourful history that spans 170 years of community and competitive sailing and rowing. The RHKYC provides training programmes for practitioners of all abilities and ages – both members and non-members – to nurture their development, produce elite athletes capable of competing at the highest levels, and contribute to the growth and popularity of these great pastimes. The Club also organises a full calendar of high-profile local and international race events, helping place Hong Kong firmly on the global sporting map.

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