



**Press Release
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**Asian Continental Qualifier Event for the 2021 World Rowing Indoor Championships
Finishes with Great Success**

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**Over 250 Entries from 14 Countries and Regions Joined the Virtual Event
Hong Kong Rowing Team Achieves Excellent Results**

(Hong Kong, 24 January 2021) Hong Kong, China Rowing Association (HKCRA) today announced the Asian Continental Qualifier (ACQ) Event for the 2021 World Rowing Indoor Championships (WRICH) is successfully held today, over 250 entries from 14 countries and regions have participated. Hong Kong has secured excellent results and five Hong Kong Rowing Team athletes and three local athletes will be eligible to race at the WRICH which will be held on 23-27 February 2021.

The 2021 WRICH includes a continental qualification round and well as an open qualification pathway. There are a total of five continental qualifiers including Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe and Oceania. Those who qualify via the continental events will join those who qualify via the open pathway in the Finals of the WRICH next month. The HKCRA is honoured to be entrusted by the World Rowing to organize the Asian Qualifier in Hong Kong.

In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, many global sports events were cancelled in 2020 and even the first quarter in 2020, the 2021 WRICH is held virtually to keep rowers from around the world competing safely. Developed by Time Team in the Netherlands, the new virtual platform allows Rowers to compete together from any physical location and all performances can be directly compared online. Spectators and supporters are also able to watch the races in real time, with live streaming on a YouTube channel and on the HKCRA's official Facebook page.

“We are thrilled to have made the first ever virtual rowing event happen. The positive entry response and rowers’ dedication in the race is really impressive and encouraging. Despite that the pandemic impact may still prevail for a certain period of time around the world, the virtual racing event is creating a new normal in the sports scene. We believe that rowing spirit of “Yes, we can.” is widely embraced by the rowers’ community, and nothing can stop us from rowing together!”
said Mr NG Kong Wan, Chairman of the HKCRA.

As the host city, the Hong Kong Rowing Team has entered 19 representatives to participate in the Race. Today, the Team has achieved outstanding performance and results, **CHIU Hin Chun, CHAN Chi Fung, CHAN Tik Lun, WONG Sheung Yee and HUNG Wing Yan, Winne** have won their places and secured an eligible place for the upcoming World Rowing Indoor Championships.



For more information about the ACQ, and official results of each race, please visit the website at <http://www.rowing.org.hk/hk/competitions/acq> or Official Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/2021ACQ/>

For more information about the WRICH, please visit the official website of FISA: <https://worldrowing.com/events/indoor-events/world-indoor-championships/>

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Race	Position #1	Position #2	Position #3
Men, Under 19 (2000M)	*Mehul Krishnani Anand Krishnani / India – 06:21:2	*Rendi Setia Maulana / Indonesia – 06:30:7	To Shi Po / Hong Kong – 06:42:9
Open Men (2000M)	*Tatsuya Sakurama / Japan – 06:14:3	*Edwin Ginanjar Rudiana / Indonesia – 06:16:6	Jakar Khan / India – 06:20:3
Lightweight Men (2000M)	*Chiu Hin Chun / Hong Kong* – 06:26:0	*Chan Tik Lun / Hong Kong – 06:33:7	Chanin Srisomboon / Thailand – 06:44:0
Men, Under 23 (2000M)	*Parminder Singh / India – 06:14:3	Rifqi Harits Adang / Indonesia – 06:28:0	Ashish Phugat / India – 06:31:7
Lightweight Men, Under 23 (2000M)	*Chan Chi Fung / Hong Kong – 06:22:0	Lam San Tung / Hong Kong – 06:23:6	Ho Chak Lung / Hong Kong – 06:33:1
Women, Under 19 (2000M)	*Anggi Widiarti / Indonesia – 07:33:4	*Avinash Kaur / India – 07:39:6	Poon O Yu / Hong Kong – 07:41:2
Women, Masters 40-19 (2000M)	*Svetlana Tatarinova / Kuwait – 08:03:2	/	/
Lightweight Women, Masters 40-19 (2000M)	*Phuttaraksa Negree / Thailand – 08:12:5	/	/
Open Women (2000M)	*Kariman Abuljadayel / Saudi Arabia – 07:37:2	Firdausi Nurul Hakim / Indonesia – 07:38:6	Nuntida Krajangjam / Thailand – 07:48:1
Lightweight Women (2000M)	*Wong Sheung Yee / Hong Kong – 07:38:9	/	Claire Burley / Hong Kong – 07:40:9
	*Parisa Chaempudsa / Thailand – 07:38:9		
Women, Under 23 (2000M)	*Khushpreet kaur Khushpreet / India – 07:33:8	Dewi Purwanti / Indonesia – 07:37:0	Isma Hanifah / Indonesia – 07:50:3
Lightweight Women, Under 23 (2000M)	*Winne Hung Wing Yan / Hong Kong – 07:23:7	Leung Wing Wun / Hong Kong – 07:34:2	Cheung Hoi Lam / Hong Kong – 07:37:3
Men, Masters 30-39 (2000M)	*Jeremy Tan / Singapore – 06:16:1	Joshua Flood / Malaysia – 06:21:0	Hiroshi Nakano / Japan – 06:41:8
Men, Masters 40-49 (2000M)	*Ng Kong Wan / Hong Kong – 6:55:9	Tan Eng Poh / Malaysia – 07:59:1	Gurjinder Singh Cheema Jinda / India – 08:07:3
Men, Masters 50-54 (2000M)	*Chairat Phongphanphanee / Thailand – 08:09:1	Kamol Kulapson / Thailand – 08:22:8	/

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Men, Masters 55-59 (2000M)	*Sanjay Jain / India – 07:34:3	Cherd Somroop / Thailand – 08:44:2	/
Men, Masters 60-64 (2000M)	*Boo Hock Khoo / Malaysia – 07:46:2	Girish Phadnis / India – 08:39:0	/
Lightweight Men, Masters 30-39 (2000M)	*Ahmad Aizat Bin Rahmat / Singapore – 07:17:2	Khoo Kah Beng / Malaysia – 08:20:8	/
Lightweight Men, Masters 55-59 (2000M)	*Somjate Wattanavaekin / Thailand – 08:28:8	/	/
PR1 Men (2000M)	*Jaehoon Ha / South Korea – 09:05:7	Pooyin Comnuan / Thailand – 09:51:3	Jaruad Duangwao / Thailand – 10:22:6
PR1 Women (2000M)	*Sejeong Kim / South Korea – 09:39:9	/	/
PR2 Women (2000M)	*Numtip Sinchai / Thailand – 09:24:6	/	/
PR3 Men	*Beomseo Choi / South Korea – 06:52:0	Konganapalle Narayana / India – 07:05:7	Iseong Kang / South Korea – 07:42:6
PR3 Women	*Hyounjoo Kang / South Korea – 08:31:9	/	/
Men, Under 19 (500M)	*Mehul Krishnani Anand Krishnani / India – 01:25:4	Harvinder Singh Cheema Aryan / India – 01:28:6	Athby Al Taraarwah / Kuwait – 01:31:5
Open Men (500M)	*Joshua Flood / Malaysia – 01:19:2	*Wan Kwok Leung / Hong Kong – 01:20:3 Maytham Al hajji / Saudi Arabia – 01:20:3	/
Lightweight Men (500M)	*Ravi Ravi / India – 01:26:8	*Choi Kwan Chak / Hong Kong – 01:27:2	Zuriel Sumintac / Philippines – 01:28:4
Men, Under 23 (500M)	*Khaled Aldawood / Saudi Arabia – 01:21:6	*Tarun Krishna Prasad Gutta / India – 01:26:9	Ho Siu Wing / Hong Kong – 01:29:6
Lightweight Men's Under 23 (500M)	*Ashish Phugat / India – 01:26:6	Chan Chi Fung / Hong Kong – 01:28:1	Sanee Kumar / India – 01:28:5
Women, Under 19 (500M)	*Avinash Kaur / India – 01:41.4	*Madhumitha D Dineshkumar / India – 01:53.7	Dalia AL Menayes / Kuwait – 01:55.8
Open Women (500M)	*Mada Sulaimany / Saudi Arabia – 01:40.7	*Kariman Abuljadayel / Saudi Arabia – 01:41.2	Eman Rafiq / Saudi Arabia – 01:42.7

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Lightweight Women (500M)	*Melcah Jen Caballero / Philippines – 01:40.6	*Soaad Alfaqaan / Kuwait – 01:43.2	Phuttharaksa Negree / Thailand – 01:43.6
Lightweight Women, Under 23 (500M)	*Wylene Lu / Philippines – 01:49:5	Alyssa Go / Philippines – 01:49:6	Kyra Louise Sandejas / Philippines – 01:50:0
Women, Under 23 (500M)	*Khushpreet kaur Khushpreet / India – 01:42:2	*Afaf AlTayeb / Saudi Arabia – 01:49:9	Shaina Vivienne To / Philippines – 01:52:9

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