



Press Release

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## Haitong International

### Successfully Held Hong Kong Windsurfing Championships 2021 Opening Ceremony and First Victoria Harbour Windsurfing Race

**Hong Kong, 14 December, 2021** — Haitong International Securities Group Limited ("Haitong International"; Stock Code: 665.HK) today successfully held the **Haitong International Hong Kong Open Windsurfing Championships 2021 Opening Ceremony** and the **Haitong International Victoria Harbour Windsurfing Race 2021**, which were both titled sponsored by Haitong International and organized by the Hong Kong Windsurfing Association ("WAHK").

The Opening Ceremony was conducted at the Hong Kong Maritime Museum with honored guests which included Mr. ZHANG Guoyi, Vice Minister of the Propaganda Article Department of LOCPG in the HKSAR; Mr. YEUNG Tak-keung JP, Commissioner for Sports of Home Affairs Bureau Recreation and Sport Branch; Mr. Ronnie WONG Man-tak, Honorary Secretary General of the Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China, and other representatives from Hong Kong's political, financial and sports communities as well as the participating athletes.

**Mr. CHAU Ngai-man, the president of WAHK**, delivered a welcome speech at the Opening Ceremony: "We very much appreciate Haitong International for their tremendous support to WAHK and the windsurfing sport over the years. For the past three decades, the WAHK has been committed to promoting windsurfing in Hong Kong and training potential elite windsurfers. With local windsurfers having achieved tremendous results in international competitions in recent years, such success has helped increase awareness and greater understanding of windsurfing amongst the Hong Kong public. This has led to a rise in the sport's popularity, allowing windsurfing to be developed as both a recreational and elite competitive sporting activity."

**Dr. LIN Yong JP, Deputy Chairman and CEO of Haitong International**, said in his official speech at the opening ceremony: "This year, we are delighted to be able to hold a windsurfing night race in the Victoria Harbour, one of Hong Kong's iconic landmarks. This is an excellent and exciting opportunity to showcase Hong Kong's best windsurfers and promote windsurfing to the general public. Looking ahead, Haitong International remains committed in supporting WAHK, and will strive to further collaborate in terms of nurturing athletes and organizing windsurfing competitions etc., with a view to encouraging public sports participation and ultimately fostering social cohesion."

The **Haitong International Victoria Harbour Windsurfing Race 2021** kicked off after the opening ceremony. Mr. CHAU Ngai-man, President of WAHK and Dr. LIN Yong JP, Deputy Chairman and CEO of Haitong International presided over the official launch with a gunfire ceremony at 5pm,



alongside guests from political and business fields.

The knock-out competition was conducted to select three winners in men and women's group respectively. 20 windsurfers were divided into three groups to compete in an open show between Wan Chai Temporary Promenade and Central Pier No. 10. All the windsurfers' sails were specially set up with LED light strips to enhance spectatorship. The competition concluded successfully with Michael Cheng Chun-leung won in the men's group, and Mak Cheuk-wing won the women's championship.

The **Haitong International Hong Kong Open Windsurfing Championships 2021** returns after a two-year absence, and will be held at Stanley Main Beach from 15 December (Wednesday) to 19 December (Sunday). The event is divided into two windsurfing classes: iQFOiL and Raceboard. A total of 70 windsurfers will participate in this year's race, including Hayley CHAN Hei-man, Michael CHENG Chun-leung, Kikabhoy RAFEEK and MA Kwan Ching, among other elite Hong Kong windsurfers. The Championships comprise 11 groups including men, women, youth and junior divisions. A champion, first runner up and second runner up will be awarded in each group, with a total of HKD 120,000 cash prize being granted to the winners by Haitong International.

Haitong International has supported Hong Kong windsurfing for many years and has been the main sponsor of WAHK since 2017. The company supports various windsurfing events in Hong Kong and the training of potential young athletes through the **Haitong International Hong Kong Youth Windsurfing Training Program**. Both Hayley Chan Hei-man and Michael Cheng Chun-leung are graduates of the program. This year, Haitong International also gave a total of HKD 230,000 as a bonus to the Hong Kong Windsurfing Team who participated in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics to reward their sportsmanship.

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