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## “Haitong International 2018 Hong Kong Open Windsurfing Championships” Concludes

**Hong Kong, 29 October 2018** – The five-day “Haitong International 2018 Hong Kong Open Windsurfing Championships” concluded successfully today, followed by a closing and award ceremony at Hong Kong Maritime Museum.

As a major international sports event, *Haitong International 2018 Hong Kong Open Windsurfing Champions*, in the expression of high standards and incentives, has drawn elite athletes from the U.K., Netherland, Italy, South Korea, Thailand, Indonesia, HKSAR, Macau SAR, and Taiwan (China) to fight for mastery of the windsurfing sport. This year, a special bonus of HKD 195,000 has been granted to athletes with outstanding performance.

Timothy Fok Tsun-ting *GBS, SBS, JP*, President of the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, Zhu Ting, Deputy Director-General of Department of Publicity, Culture and Sports Affairs of LOCPG in the HKSAR, Poon Mo Yiu, Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of Haitong International Securities Group, Ma Fung-kwok *GBS, SBS*, a member of Legislative Council of Hong Kong, Cowen Chiu *MH*, President of Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong and William Tsui *JP*, an independent non-executive director of Haitong International Securities Group, acted as the guests of honor of the award ceremony.

Poon Mo Yiu, Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer of Haitong International Securities Group, said: “This is the second consecutive year for Haitong International to provide title sponsorship to Hong Kong Open Windsurfing Championships. Over the past year, we had been promoting this Hong Kong-treasured watersport activity. In future, Haitong International will spare no effort to support windsurfing and help promote this sport activity to the public.”

“I am delighted to see Haitong International’s support to Hong Kong Open Windsurfing Championships on arrival of its 36<sup>th</sup> year since its inception. As the championship has been ratcheting up, more and more veteran sportsmen and audiences alike around the world are coming to join this extravaganza.” Cowen Chiu, President of Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong, noted.

Local windsurfers Michael Cheng, Hayley Chan, Ma Kwan Ching and Kikabhoy Rafeek took home 3 silver medals in the 2018 Jakarta Asia Games in the RS:X (Women Division), RS (Men Division) and RS:One.

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### **Hong Kong Open Windsurfing Championships**

Held since 1983, the Hong Kong Windsurfing Open Championship has been one of the largest windsurfing events in Hong Kong and one of the most important competition in Asia. The purpose of hosting the championships is to promote the development of windsurfing in Hong Kong, and to provide a platform for local windsurfers and overseas athletes to demonstrate their feats. Every year, the windsurfing competition attracts large audiences and extensive media coverage.

### **Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong**

Windsurfing was introduced to Hong Kong in the 1970s and is one of the fastest growing water sports in Hong Kong. As a response to the sport’s rapid evolution, the Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong was formally established in 1979 to provide training courses and facilitate competitions, and further promote the development of windsurfing in Hong Kong. In the 1990s, windsurfing was selected by the Hong Kong Sports Development Board as one of the four key development projects. Since then, and under the joint efforts of the Hong Kong government, the Windsurfing Association of Hong Kong, and the Hong Kong Windsurfing Squad, Hong Kong windsurfing athletes have pushed the boundaries and achieved outstanding results on the international stage.

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