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Bank of China (Hong Kong) Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (Hong Kong Section) Half Marathon 2026 – Event Elevated to World Athletics Platinum Label Road Race *Inaugural 10km Race Introduced with Total Quota Expanded to 10,000 Participants*

(HONG KONG, 10 June 2026) – 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**" is set to take place on **Sunday, 15 November 2026**.

This year's event marks a monumental milestone and has received official recognition from World Athletics as a "**Platinum Label Road Race**". This prestigious status distinguishes it as **Hong Kong's First WA Platinum Label Road Race** - only the **fourth in the world** to achieve this elite certification – and anticipates drawing top-tier athletes from across the globe to compete in Hong Kong. To mark the occasion, the HKAAA today hosted a press conference and official launch ceremony at the Bank of China Tower to announce the event details and registration arrangements. Officiating guests included the Hon. Kenneth Fok, BBS, JP, Member of the Legislative Council (Sports, Performing Arts, Culture and Publication); Dr. David Mong, President of the HKAAA; Mr. Kwan Kee, MH, Chairman of the HKAAA; Mr. Stephen Chan, Deputy Chief Executive of Bank of China (Hong Kong); Dr Simon Yeung, MH, JP, Chairman of the BOC HZMB Half Marathon Organising Committee, and Ms. Camay Lee, Assistant Director (Leisure Services)2 of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department.

Dr. David Mong, President of the Hong Kong, China Association of Athletics Affiliates, stated, 'The HKAAA has remained steadfast in its commitment to developing Hong Kong's running culture. Building on our established success, we aim to continue providing a unique racing experience for both local and international runners at this event. Following our elevation to a World Athletics Platinum Label Road Race, participants will once again have the opportunity to challenge themselves on the iconic Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge and compete alongside global elites. This not only injects further vitality into our city but also reinforces Hong Kong's status as an international hub for major sporting events. Furthermore, we are introducing a new 10km category this year, offering runners who excel at shorter distances the chance to showcase their skills on the magnificent Bridge.'

Mr. Stephen Chan, Deputy Chief Executive of Bank of China (Hong Kong), remarked, 'The elevation of the "BOC HZMB Half Marathon" to Platinum Label status is a crucial milestone in fostering Hong Kong's status as a capital for international sports events, contributing to the implementation of the nation's "15th Five-Year Plan" in accelerating the building of a sports powerhouse. This year, Bank of China (Hong Kong) is proud to support once again this major local sporting event, in conjunction with our subsidiary, BOC Life. Furthermore, in tandem with the race day arrangements at the AsiaWorld-Expo, this initiative aims to raise public awareness of physical and mental well-being while infusing society with positive energy. The event actively promotes sports development by supporting elite sports, maintaining Hong Kong as a centre for major international sports events, enhancing professionalism, developing sports as an industry and

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promoting sports in the community. At the same time, the race offers runners a unique opportunity to experience the nation's magnificent infrastructure as they stride into the Greater Bay Area – Run Together, Thrive Together.’

To encourage broader participation among running enthusiasts, the scale of this year’s event has been significantly upgraded. The total participant quota will be expanded to **10,000 runners**, distributed across the Half Marathon Challenge Race, the Open Group and the **newly introduced 10km Challenge Race**.

To ensure seamless logistics, the organiser will provide dedicated shuttle buses from key urban locations to transport 10km runners to AsiaWorld-Expo. Several enhanced race arrangements will also be maintained, the time limit remains **3 hours** for the Half Marathon and **1 hour 30 minutes** for the 10km race. Furthermore, shuttle bus services will continue to operate from the assembly point to the starting grid, allowing runners to enjoy the spectacular scenery of the Bridge and complete the course in comfort.

Priority registration for qualified runners will commence on **Thursday, 11 June 2026 at 2:00 pm** and close at **12:00 noon on Monday, 15 June 2026**. Public ballot registration will open on **Thursday, 18 June 2026, at 2:00 pm** and conclude at **12:00 noon on Thursday, 2 July 2026**.

The event is open to local and overseas runners aged 16 or above. The entry fee for local participants is **HKD 550** for the Half Marathon and **HKD 450** for the 10km race. Substantial prize money is on offer, with the overall male and female champions of the Half Marathon Challenge Race eligible for a top prize of up to **USD 15,000**, alongside special prize categories designated for Hong Kong Permanent Residents.

For further registration information and event details, please visit the official website at <https://www.hzmb-halfmarathon.com/>.

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Race Information and Registration Requirements

Event Date:	15 November 2026 (Sunday)	
Race Category (Quota):	1. 10 km Challenge (2,000)^ 2. Half Marathon (8,000) - Half Marathon Challenge ^ - Junior - Senior - Master 1 - 8 - Half Marathon Run 1 - Half Marathon Run 2 - Half Marathon Run 3	
Entry Fee:	Half Marathon	HKD 550 (Local Participants) USD 85 / RMB 610 (Non-local Participants)
	10km	HKD 450 (Local Participants) USD 75 / RMB 520 (Non-local Participants) <i>*The 10km registration fee includes transportation provided by the organizers to the designated meeting point on race day.</i>
Registration Date:	Priority Entry	2:00 PM, June 11 2026 (Thursday) Until 12:00 noon, June 15 2026 (Monday)
	Public Ballot	2:00 PM June 18 2026 (Thursday) Until 12:00 noon, July 2 2026 (Thursday)
Age Limit:	16 Years Old or above (born on or before December 31 2010)	
Start time:	10km Challenge Race: 6:15am Half Marathon Challenge Race: 7:15am Half Marathon Run 1: 7:45am Half Marathon Run 2: 8:15am Half Marathon Run 3: 8:45am	
Runner's Pack Distribution Date & Time	12:00 NN to 8:00 PM, November 13 2026 (Friday) 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, November 14 2026 (Saturday)	
Runner's Pack Distribution Venue:	Chater Garden, Central	
Registration Website:	https://www.hzmb-halfmarathon.com/	

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^ Junior (born in 2007 - 2010)

Senior (born between 16 November 1991 and 31 December 2006)

Master 1 (born between 16 November 1986 and 15 November 1991)

Master 2 (born between 16 November 1981 and 15 November 1986)

Master 3 (born between 16 November 1976 and 15 November 1981)

Master 4 (born between 16 November 1971 and 15 November 1976)

Master 5 (born between 16 November 1966 and 15 November 1971)

Master 6 (born between 16 November 1961 and 15 November 1966)

Master 7 (born between 16 November 1956 and 15 November 1961)

Master 8 (born on or before 15 November 1956)

Overview of Prize Money

Overall Rankings

Total Prizes: USD 80,800 (Men & Women's Half Marathon Challenge Participants)

Overall Ranking	Prize Money (USD)
1	15,000
2	7,500
3	6,000
4	4,500
5	3,000
6	1,500
7	1,200
8	900
9	500
10	300

Special Prize Money (Hong Kong Permanent Residents only)

Total Prizes: HKD 180,000 (Men & Women's Challenge Race Participants)

Category Ranking	Half Marathon Prize Money (HKD)	10km Race Prize Money (HKD)
1	3,000	1,500
2	2,000	1,000
3	1,000	500

The Bank of China (Hong Kong) Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (Hong Kong Section) Half Marathon 2026 is title-sponsored by Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited, with further sponsorship generously provided by BOC Group Life Assurance Company Limited, ASICS Hong Kong Limited, Thong Sia Watch Co. Limited, AS Watson Group (HK) Limited, Regala Skycity Hotel, Yunnan Baiyao, and Foon Tai Trading Company Limited, alongside the official venue partner AsiaWorld-Expo Management Limited.

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Photo 1

(From left) Mr. Kwan Kee, MH, Chairman of the HKAAA; Mr. Stephen Chan, Deputy Chief Executive of Bank of China (Hong Kong); Hon. Kenneth Fok, BBS, JP, Member of the Legislative Council (Sports, Performing Arts, Culture and Publication); Dr. David Mong, President of the HKAAA; Dr Simon Yeung, MH, JP, Chairman of the BOC HZMB Half Marathon Organising Committee; and Ms. Camay Lee, Assistant Director (Leisure Services)² of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department officiated at the BOC HZMB Half Marathon Press Conference.



Photo 2

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Photo 4

Dr Simon Yeung, MH, JP, Chairman of the BOC HZMB Half Marathon Organising Committee, introducing the race information and registration requirements.



Photos 5-6

Virginia Lo, the reigning local women’s champion of the BOC HZMB Half Marathon, and Ken Wong, ranked third in the Hong Kong half marathon, share their preparation strategies ahead of the upcoming race.

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Photo 7

Guests gathering together, injecting vibrant energy into the BOC HZMB Half Marathon 2026.

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About Hong Kong, China Association of Athletics Affiliates

The Hong Kong, China Association of Athletics Affiliates (HKAAA), previously known as the Hong Kong Amateur Track and Field Association (HKATFA), was founded in 1951 by a group of enthusiastic volunteers, and has since become the governing body for Athletics, including Track & Field, Distance Running, Cross Country and Race Walking in Hong Kong. The Association became a member of the Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF & OC) in the same year. It has also joined the World Athletics (WA) previously named as the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) next year. It aims to promote and develop athletics in Hong Kong, including the development of athletes, coaches, technical officials and professional staff, so as to enhance the image and performance of Hong Kong athletics, and help make athletics become a sport of significant participation.

About Bank of China (Hong Kong) Limited

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As a leading commercial and regional bank with deep roots in Hong Kong for over a century, we are committed to serving the real economy. Guided by a customer-centric philosophy, we enhance the service experience with new technology and promote green and sustainable development, while delivering comprehensive, professional and high-quality services. Through close cooperation with our parent bank BOC, we serve the “Going Global” needs of Chinese enterprises and provide integrated cross-border service solutions to multinationals and financial institutions across various regions.

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