

Successful close to fifth SHKP Vertical Run for Charity – Race to Hong Kong ICC

第五届“新地公益垂直跑—勇闯香港ICC”圆满结束

A record field turned out for the Group's most recent SHKP Vertical Run for Charity – Race to Hong Kong ICC, showing the rising popularity of vertical running and wide enthusiasm for the idea of sport for charity.

More than 1,700 runners from 34 countries and regions in the fifth Race to Hong Kong ICC set a new high, with about 90% from Hong Kong. Runners ranged in age from 10 to 69 and men outnumbered women seven to three. Some participants had visual or hearing impairments or amputation. The race was also the grand finale of 2016 Vertical World Circuit.

Race to Hong Kong ICC had four categories, namely Elite, Individual, Team Relay and Fun Climb to suit runners of different abilities. The elite race attracted 24 world-class runners competing for the international championship, with the top men and women taking on the 2,120 steps to the Sky100 Hong

Kong Observation Deck to finish in just over 10 minutes.

Competition in the other categories was also keen. More than 900 runners took part in the individual race for the men's and women's titles. The two winners will get sponsorship for the 2017 Vertical World Circuit to gain international experience and promote sport for charity. Secondary and tertiary student relays were added to the corporate and open relays this year, drawing almost 200 students for the first time. Fun Climb B welcomed youngsters paired with adults to join the action.



Team Relay has secondary and tertiary student teams to promote sports among young people
队际接力赛设有中学组及大专组，鼓励学生多做运动

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Former HKSAR Chief Secretary for Administration Carrie Lam (fourth right), Event Organizing Committee Co-chairman Edward Cheung (second left), The Hong Kong Council of Social Service Chairperson Bernard Chan (second right), The Community Chest Campaign Committee Chairman Simon Kwok (third left) with the Group's Deputy Managing Directors Mike Wong (fourth left) and Victor Lui (third right) and Executive Directors Adam Kwok (first right) and Christopher Kwok (first left) at the race opening
时任香港特别行政区政务司司长林郑月娥(右四)、活动筹委会联席主席张永锐(左二)、香港社会服务联会主席陈智思(右二)、香港公益金筹募委员会主席郭少明(左三)、以及集团副董事总经理黄植荣(左四)及雷霆(右三)以及执行董事郭基焯(右一)及郭基泓(左一)为活动揭开序幕



World-class runners conclude the 2016 Vertical World Circuit at ICC
世界级精英运动员于ICC完成2016垂直马拉松世界巡回赛赛事



2016 Vertical World Circuit champions Piotr Lobodzinski (second left) from Poland and Suzy Walsham (second right) from Australia
2016垂直马拉松世界巡回赛男子组冠军为波兰跑手Piotr Lobodzinski (左二), 女子组冠军为澳洲跑手Suzy Walsham (右二)

由集团主办的“新地公益垂直跑—勇闯香港ICC”早前圆满结束，活动参与人数再创新高，反映垂直跑运动日趋普及，“运动行善”的精神亦受到热烈支持。

“勇闯香港ICC”踏入五周年，逾1,700人参与，人数乃历年之冠。参加者来自全球34个国家及地区，香港居民约占九成，男女选手比例约七比三，年龄由10至69岁，参加者更包括视障、听障及截

肢者等。活动同时继续成为2016垂直马拉松世界巡回赛的终极赛站。

“勇闯香港ICC”设有四个组别：精英赛、个人赛、队际接力赛及满FUN体验，吸引不同程度的垂直跑爱好者参与。精英赛方面，共有24名世界级运动员来竞逐国际冠军殊荣。经过短短十多分钟激战，精英赛男女子组冠、亚、季军已跑上2,120级台阶，到达位于天际100香港观景台的终点。

其他组别同样竞争激烈。个人赛有逾900人争夺男、女子组全场总冠军，两名冠军得主将获主办方赞助参与2017垂直马拉松世界巡回赛，不但可前往海外参赛，拓展视野，更可藉此宣扬运动行善的精神。今年队际接力赛除了保留企业组及公开组外，更特设中学组及大专组，吸引近200名学生组队参与。另外，今年的满FUN体验B组亦让小选手与成年亲友组队，共享垂直跑乐趣。



Young runners pair with adults for vertical run
小选手与成年亲友组队参赛，一尝垂直跑滋味



Participants and relatives enjoy sports day
参赛者及其亲友共同享受运动乐趣