

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

第五屆「新地公益垂直跑—勇闖香港ICC」圓滿結束

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
隊際接力賽設有中學組及大專組，鼓勵學生多做運動



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
時任香港特別行政區政務司司長林鄭月娥(右四)、活動籌委會聯席主席張永銳(左二)、香港社會服務聯會主席陳智思(右二)、香港公益金籌募委員會主席郭少明(左三)、連同集團副董事總經理黃植榮(左四)及雷霆(右三)以及執行董事郭基輝(右一)及郭基泓(左一)為活動揭開序幕



World-class runners conclude the 2016 Vertical World Circuit at ICC
世界級精英運動員於ICC完成2016垂直馬拉松世界巡迴賽賽事



2016 Vertical World Circuit champions Piotr Lobodzinski (second left) from Poland and Suzy Walsham (second right) from Australia
2016垂直馬拉松世界巡迴賽男子組冠軍為波蘭跑手Piotr Lobodzinski (左二)，女子組冠軍為澳洲跑手Suzy Walsham (右二)

由集團主辦的「新地公益垂直跑—勇闖香港ICC」早前圓滿結束，活動參與人數再創新高，反映垂直跑運動越趨普及，「運動行善」的精神亦受到熱烈支持。

「勇闖香港ICC」踏入五周年，逾1,700人參與，人數乃歷年之冠。參加者來自全球34個國家及地區，本港居民約佔九成，男女跑手比例約七比三，年齡由10至69歲，參加者更包括視障、聽障及截

肢者等。活動同時繼續成為2016垂直馬拉松世界巡迴賽的終極賽站。

「勇闖香港ICC」設有四個組別：精英賽、個人賽、隊際接力賽及滿FUN體驗，吸引不同程度的垂直跑愛好者參與。精英賽方面，共有24名世界級運動員來競逐國際冠軍殊榮。經過短短十多分鐘激戰，精英賽男女子組冠、亞、季軍已跑上2,120級樓梯，到達位於天際100香港觀景台的終點。

其他組別同樣競爭激烈。個人賽有逾900人爭奪男、女子組全場總冠軍，兩名冠軍得主將獲大會贊助參與2017垂直馬拉松世界巡迴賽，不但可往外作賽，擴闊視野，更可藉此宣揚運動行善的精神。今年隊際接力賽除了保留企業組及公開組外，更特設中學組及大專組，吸引近200名學生組隊參與。另外，今年的滿FUN體驗B組亦讓小跑手與成年親友組隊，共享垂直跑樂趣。



Young runners pair with adults for vertical run
小跑手與成年親友組隊參賽，一嚐垂直跑滋味



Participants and relatives enjoy sports day
參賽者及其親友亦投入運動樂