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Awardees Announced Today at the “Cathay 2021 Hong Kong Sports Stars Awards” Presentation Ceremony

CHEUNG Ka Long and Siobhan Bernadette HAUGHEY take home the acclaimed “Best of the Best Hong Kong Sports Stars” Titles



Winning athletes of the “Cathay 2021 Hong Kong Sports Stars Awards” at the Awards Presentation Ceremony

(31 August 2022, Hong Kong) The Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC) announces the winners of the Cathay 2021 Hong Kong Sports Stars Awards (HKSSA) today (31 August 2022) at Theatre 1 at Hong Kong Convention & Exhibition Centre. This year, the “Best of the Best Hong Kong Sports Stars Awards for Men / Women” went to Olympic Gold winner Mr. CHEUNG Ka Long (Fencing) and Olympic Silver winner of the Women’s 100m and 200m Freestyle Swimming events Ms. Siobhan Bernadette HAUGHEY (Swimming).

SF&OC has received a total of 66 nominations from 33 National Sports Associations. After deliberation from the judging panel and the votes received from the media and public, 16 winners were born from four categories. The HKSSA, which is highly recognized as the “Hong Kong Sports Stars Oscars”, was originally slated for February

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but was delayed to August as a result of the pandemic. Witnessing their birth are the social celebrities such as Mr. CHAN Kwok-ki, GBS, IDSM, JP, Chief Secretary for Administration of HKSAR; Mr. Timothy FOK, GBS, JP, President of SF&OC; Mr. Augustus TANG, Chief Executive Officer of Cathay – the title sponsor of the event; as well as top representatives from the industry.

A Tokyo 2020 Olympics Gold Medallist, fencer Mr. CHEUNG Ka Long is the golden child of Hong Kong. He took home both the “Hong Kong Sports Stars Awards for Men” and the “Best of the Best Hong Kong Sports Stars Award for Men” with promising futures ahead. On top of bagging a bronze in the BWF World Championships, he narrowly beat his competitor within 12 seconds in a local match to qualify for the Hangzhou Asian Games.

This is the third-time Ms. Siobhan Bernadette HAUGHLEY crowned the “Hong Kong Sports Stars Awards for Women”. She attained double-silver in Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, and was the only Hong Kong athlete to take home two medals in the same Olympic event. She continues to achieve flying colours after Games, such as breaking the world record in the 200m FINA World Swimming Championships – the first world record for Hong Kong. She recovered from her injury in April and took home the trophy for the Hong Kong Open Swimming Championships 2022 and today, the Best of the Best Hong Kong Sports Stars Awards for Women.

Other winners of the "Hong Kong Sports Stars Awards for Men" include 5-time winner Mr. SHEK Wai Hung (Gymnastics); Mr. WONG Chun-Ting (Table tennis); first-time winner Mr. LAU Chi Ming (Karate) as well as Mr. CHU Man Kai (Sports for Physically Disabled - badminton). The "Hong Kong Sports Stars Awards for Women" meanwhile went to Ms. LEE Wai Sze (Cycling) for her 9th consecutive year; winner of the 2022 Asian Fencing Championships Ms. KONG Man Wai Vivian (Fencing), first-time winner Ms. DOO Hoi Kem (Table Tennis); as well as 2020 Olympic bronze winner Ms. LAU Mo Sheung Grace (Karate). (Listed is not in particular order)

“Best of the Best Hong Kong Sports Stars Awards for Men” winner, Mr. CHEUNG Ka Long expresses his utmost appreciation to his family, coach, team and Hong Kong people who’ve shown him undue support. “This is the first time I’ve been crowned ‘Best of the Best Hong Kong Sports Stars Awards for Men’. I am truly honoured. Thank you for all your support and love. Through my journey, I hope to inspire all of you to keep fighting even at your lowest points.”

“Best of the Best Hong Kong Sports Stars Awards for Women” winner Ms. Siobhan Bernadette HAUGHLEY is honoured and grateful for the good fortune she’s been blessed with: “I do what I love every day in the swimming pool. I enjoy ample support and am truly glad that sports can bring the community together. I hope my actions will make me a role model for everyone and bring honour to our city.”

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The Hong Kong Rugby Sevens Team was crowned the “Hong Kong Sports Stars Awards for Team Only Sport” – the 9th time it has received this accolade since 2008. This Asia’s number-one team took home the winning trophies in last year’s The Asia Rugby Sevens Series and in Super Sevens’ Leg 2 of the London Irish RFC this May. They claimed top seeding for the 2022 Asian Games in Hangzhou.

The winners of “Hong Kong Sports Stars Awards for Team Event” went to Hong Kong Badminton Team - Mixed Doubles (TANG Chun Man/TSE Ying Suet); Boccia BC4 Pairs Team who’ve taken home a silver medal at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics; plus the Hong Kong National Table Tennis Women’s Team who took home a bronze at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

Please refer to the full winners’ list on the appendix.

Mr. CHAN Kwok-ki, GBS, IDSM, JP, Chief Secretary for Administration of HKSAR, says, “I am grateful for SF&OC for organising this monumental event. Our city’s athletes are top-notch in the world. I thank all of them for their efforts, their persistence and their undying spirit that have brought a spark of positivity to our city. They are the pride of Hong Kong. The HKSAR government will continue to support athletes wholeheartedly. The establishment of the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau will strengthen the overall planning and coordination of sports events in the city so to foster greater synergy in the implementation of sports in Hong Kong.”

Mr. Timothy T. T. FOK says, “Hong Kong athletes achieved exceptional results and broke remarkable records in the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, Paralympic Games as well as National Games and National Paralympic Games of China. Their exceptional achievements have surely sparked a passion for sports city-wide. We hope that HKSSA will continue to spark the public’s support for our athletes and inherit their passion and sportsmanship! ”

Mr. Augustus TANG, Chief Executive Officer of Cathay, says, “Cathay is honoured to be the title sponsor of the HKSSA for the past 3 consecutive years. The athletes’ perseverance, pursuit of excellence and sportsmanship are in line with Cathay’s values. We congratulate all the winning athletes and hope that they will continue to achieve new heights in the sports arena. We will continue to support their endeavours going forward.”

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