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**Winners for Cathay 2022 Hong Kong Sports Stars Awards Announced
CHEUNG Ka Long and Siobhán HAUGHEY Honoured "Best of the Best" Again**

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(18 April 2023, Hong Kong) The Sports Federation and Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC) held the Awards Presentation Ceremony of Cathay 2022 Hong Kong Sports Stars Awards (HKSSA) at the Convention Hall of Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre today. Men's foilist CHEUNG Ka Long (Fencing), who won another historic gold at the World Cup, and Siobhán HAUGHEY (Swimming), who snapped up one gold and one silver at the 2022 FINA World Swimming Championships (25m), were dominant as both were awarded "Best of the Best Hong Kong Sports Stars Award for Men/Women" respectively once again.

SF&OC received altogether 96 nominations from 46 National Sports Associations in this year's HKSSA. Following voting by judging panels, the media and the public, all 16 winners across four award categories were born. At the star-stunned Awards Presentation Ceremony, the list of officiating and award presentation guests included Mr. Kevin YEUNG Yun Hung, Secretary for Culture, Sports and Tourism of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR), Mr. PAN Yundong, Deputy Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in HKSAR, Mr. DING Dong, Director General of Sport for All Department, General Administration of Sport of China, Mr. ZHANG Guoyi, Deputy Director General of the Publicity, Culture and Sports Department Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in HKSAR, Mr. Timothy T.T. FOK, President of SF&OC, Dr. Karl C. KWOK, Vice President of SF&OC cum Chairperson of the HKSSA Organizing Committee, Mr. Ronald LAM, Chief Executive Officer of Cathay, Title Sponsor of HKSSA, Ms. SUN Yue, former Captain of China Women's National Volleyball Team, etc. In addition, SF&OC invited top emcee Ms. Carol CHENG Yu Ling, better known by the name Dodo, to host the event, while rising music star, pop singer Mr. Jason CHAN Pak Yu performed live on stage, bringing exuberant atmosphere. With the live broadcast by Radio Television Hong Kong TV 32, Sportsroad and Yahoo Frontpage, members of the public witness this annual spectacular event together.

This year marked the fourth time CHEUNG Ka Long won HKSSA as he continued to shine on the international sports stage. CHEUNG snatched a historic gold at the World Cup in Paris last year, before ranking world No. 1 to become the first ever foilist from Hong Kong to reach the top of the rankings. He also took home the gold and bronze medals at the Asian Championship and the World Championship respectively. His long list of historic achievements made him a well deserved winner of the "Best of the Best Hong Kong Sports Stars Award for Men". The high-performing athlete also scored his best result this season to snap up the silver medal at the Grand Prix series in Busan last month, which certainly is a huge confidence boost for him ahead of the qualification cycle for the 2024 Paris Olympic Games and the Hangzhou Asian Games.

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World-class swimmer Siobhán HAUGHEY also won HKSSA for the fourth time. After nursing an injury last year, the decorated swimmer returned to international competitions with some ultra strong displays, amassing seven golds and one bronze in three consecutive FINA Swimming World Cups (25m). HAUGHEY also retained her 200m freestyle gold with dominant display at the 2022 FINA World Swimming Championships (25m), in addition to a silver in the 100m freestyle. Her performance lived up to expectations and her success at this year's "Best of the Best Hong Kong Sports Stars Award for Women" is undoubtedly well deserved. HAUGHEY carried the great momentum from her last race as she attained the Olympic Qualifying Time in 400m and 200m freestyle at the 2023 TYR Pro Swim Series in the United States last month, followed by another championship in 100m freestyle at the Long Course Time Trial Championships at the Hong Kong Sports Institute earlier this week.

Other winners for Hong Kong Sports Stars Awards For Men, ranking in no particular order, included first-time winner, Australian Open Junior Grand Slam Men's Doubles winner Coleman WONG Cha Lam (Tennis), CHEUNG Ka Wai (Billiard), who won the first ever gold medal for Hong Kong at the World Games, World Junior Wushu Championship Boy's Jianshu gold medallist HO Ching Hin (Wushu), and second-time winner of HKSSA, BWF Para-Badminton World Championship SS6 Men's Singles gold medallist Chu Man Kai (Badminton). Winners for Hong Kong Sports Stars Awards For Women, ranking in no particular order, included record breaker NG On Yee (Billiard), who won HKSSA for the 10th time, 2022 World Championship Individual Women's Epee bronze medallist Vivian KONG Man Wai (Fencing), 2022 World Games Individual Kata bronze medallist Grace LAU Mo Sheung (Karatedo), and Boccia BC3 world No. 1 HO Yuen Kei (Boccia), who is a first-time winner of HKSSA.

Hong Kong Men's Rugby Sevens Team was awarded Hong Kong Sports Stars Award for Team Only Sport again, the 11th honour for the team since they first won the award back in 2008. The Asian powerhouse won all three legs at the Asia Rugby Sevens Series last year to cement their place as the team to beat in the region. The top seed will be looking to defend their title at the Hangzhou Asian Games this September.

The Hong Kong Sports Stars Awards for Team Event went to Hong Kong Women's Epee Team who won silver at the Asian Championship, Hong Kong Squash Women's Team who dethroned Malaysia at the Asian Squash Team Championships, and NG Mui Wui/WONG Ting Ting, who won Women's Doubles at the World Para Table Tennis Championships.

Mr. Timothy T.T. FOK, President of SF&OC praised the performance of Hong Kong athletes, "Hong Kong athletes have performed outstandingly in international competitions. Their hard work and achievements are the pride of Hong Kong. In addition to inviting athletes and representatives of National Sports Associations to attend this year's Awards Presentation Ceremony, we have also invited the families and friends of the nominated athletes and members of the Olympic Fan Club to participate in the event tonight and share the joy. I believe that athletes and the sport sector as a whole will spare no effort in giving their best in the Hangzhou Asian Games this September, Paris 2024 Olympic and the National Games in 2025 co-hosted by Guangdong Province, Hong Kong and Macao. They will once again demonstrate the fruits of their hard work and showcase Hong Kong's soft power through sports."

Mr. Ronald LAM, Chief Executive Officer of Cathay, Title Sponsor of HKSSA, congratulated all winners, "HKSSA 2022 marks the fourth year that Cathay has sponsored this fantastic event. The awards celebrate excellence, progressiveness and can-do spirit – important values that are exemplified by the people who represent our great city on the world stage. We are honoured to once again be supporting our homegrown athletes as they strive to achieve their goals. We look forward to the continued success of Hong Kong sport and to seeing our athletes compete for many years to come."

The full list of winners for Cathay 2022 Hong Kong Sports Stars Award is at **Appendix**.

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