

15th National Games athletics (marathon) and handball test events successfully conclude (with photos)

The 2025 Shenzhen-Hong Kong marathon and the 15th National Games (NG) athletics (marathon) test event and the 15th NG Handball Test Event concluded successfully today (February 23).

The marathon test event took place in this morning. Setting off from the Shenzhen Bay Sports Center, the runners entered Hong Kong via the Shenzhen Bay Port, ran along the Shenzhen Bay Bridge and Kong Sham Western Highway Viaduct, then turned back to the Shenzhen Bay Port through the same route, and finally ended at the Shenzhen Bay Sports Center. A total of 38 athletes participated including 3 male athletes and 3 female athletes from Hong Kong in the races. Zhao Chaochuan, from Yunnan, was crowned the Men's race championship in a time of 2 hours, 17 minutes and 17 seconds, while Chen Liqin from Guangdong won the Women's race championship, finishing at 2 hours, 44 minutes and 44 seconds. All the six Hong Kong athletes completed the races smoothly. Among them, Leanne Szeto Shiu-yan won the third place in 2 hours, 47 minutes and 20 seconds.

As for the handball test event held this afternoon, the final and the third-place games were staged at the Kai Tak Arena in the Kai Tak Sports Park. The men's handball team from Jiangsu won the championship, while the handball teams from Hong Kong and Guangdong took the titles of first runner-up and second runner-up respectively.

In concluding the test events, the Head of the National Games Coordination Office (Hong Kong) (NGCO), Mr Yeung Tak-keung, expressed his gratitude for the joint collaboration of all government departments, sports associations concerned and different organisations in implementing various arrangements planned before the event, marking a successful conclusion to the two test events. The NGCO will hold a meeting with all relevant government departments and organisations to review and enhance the competition arrangements, with a view to ensuring full preparation for the 15th NG to be held in November this year.

Mr Yeung also thanked the Shenzhen Municipal People's Government and the Executive Committee for the 15th NG, the 12th National Games for Persons with Disabilities and the 9th National Special Olympic Games in Shenzhen for joining hands with Hong Kong to organise this cross-boundary marathon test event, so as to spur inter-connectivity in the Greater Bay Area (GBA) via the NG events and further deepen collaboration and exchanges in sports among Hong Kong and other cities in the GBA.

In addition to the marathon test event and handball test event, the NGCO will be holding test events of various sports for the 15th NG gradually. The triathlon test event will take place at the Central Harbourfront and Victoria

Harbour on March 1 and 2.

For information on the games in Hong Kong, please visit the thematic website (www.2025nationalgames.gov.hk/en/index.html), as well the Facebook page (www.facebook.com/2025nationalgames.hk) and Instagram page (www.instagram.com/2025nationalgames.hk).

