

Immediate release

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ACCA Community Day 2023 concludes successfully ***Gathering accounting and finance elites for the charitable rickshaw race***

ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) Hong Kong has today successfully held its 25th **ACCA Community Day** at Chater Road, Sunday Pedestrian Precinct, Central. Under the theme of '25 Years of Love and Care. Run Ahead to a Better Future', ACCA is honoured to have Financial Secretary Paul Chan Mo-po as the guest of honour. This year's event gathered over 300 elites from accountancy firms, multinational companies, local organisations and institutions to contribute to the charities and has successfully raised around HK\$1.1 million. Among all the participating teams, the winner of the rickshaw race is team EY FSO.

The ACCA Community Day, an annual highlight event in the accounting and finance industry since its inception in 1997, has become one of the most recognised charitable events in Hong Kong. With the relaxation of anti-pandemic policies, the ACCA Community Day returns in physical format after three years. Over the past 25 years, the ACCA Community Day has brought the business community and the general public together with charitable causes, raising over HK\$23 million to help the underprivileged, bringing positive energy to society as well as creating a better future through contributing to the charities.

Financial Secretary Paul Chan Mo-po, guest of honour of the event, is also the founder of the **ACCA Community Day**. He said at the opening ceremony, 'I am glad to be back to this familiar place and join the ACCA Community Day. The ACCA Community Day is the happiest event I participated in after the announcement of the "Happy Hong Kong" Campaign in the Budget. I am very confident in Hong Kong's economic development and the future of the city. There are currently bright spots in the Budget: First, Hong Kong has an edge when it comes to establishing an international green technology and financial centre with no other competitor positions itself as a global leader on green finance; the second is Web3, with many foreign industry players would like to explore business opportunities in Hong Kong; lastly is the digital economy, which can allow Hong Kong to transform its economy and follow the global trend.'

Winnie Ki, Chairman of ACCA Hong Kong, said at the opening ceremony, 'This year we're celebrating the 25th anniversary of the ACCA Community Day, an ACCA's annual signature event which is well-loved by the general public. We are glad that the ACCA Community Day is able to return in physical format this year, and as the organiser, we hope to continue promoting the spirit of love and care to society. As a global professional body, ACCA is committed to nurturing accounting and finance talents and supporting our members to overcome challenges and explore new opportunities in their careers. In the post-pandemic era, ACCA's social responsibility becomes more important than ever. Together, we can run ahead to a better future by contributing to the sustainable development of society.'

All winners of this year's ACCA Community Day rickshaw race could be found in the Annex. ACCA will continue to spread the spirit of love and care and help those in need in society. All proceeds raised this year will be donated to three local charities to support the following projects targeting specific underprivileged segments in our community:

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- (1) Act Plus Education Foundation's 'Stop-Motion Journey of Star-Child' project which aims to assist children with autism and learning disabilities;
- (2) Healthy Hong Kong Limited's 'Healing with love - FREE Chinese Medicine Services Scheme' which provides free-of-charge Chinese medicine services to low-income groups and the needy elders in Hong Kong;
- (3) Joyful (Mental Health) Foundation's 'Wellbeing Online Project' which aims to enhance the public's physical and mental wellbeing via online experiences.

ACCA would like to express our sincere appreciation to the following corporate sponsors, co-sponsors, and participating organisations/ institutions:

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- Nine Dragons Paper (Holdings) Limited
- SML Group

Further details of ACCA Community Day 2023 can be accessed at www.accaglobal.com/hk/communityday

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Photo caption:



Financial Secretary Paul Chan Mo-po, Chairman of ACCA Hong Kong Winnie Ki, and representatives of three local charities attend the opening ceremony of ACCA Community Day.



The participating teams competes for the outstanding costume award, celebrating the 25th anniversary of the ACCA Community Day.



The athletes of each team compete with each other in the rickshaw race.



The participating teams show their enthusiasm and contribute to charity.



The winning teams take a group photo on the stage, symbolising the successful conclusion of the event.



Photo shows the winner of the Outstanding Costume Team.

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About ACCA

ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) is the global professional body for professional accountants.

We're a thriving global community of **241,000** members and **542,000** future members based in **178** countries and regions, who work across a wide range of sectors and industries. We uphold the highest professional and ethical values.

ACCA now has **29,000** members and **169,000** future members in China, with **11** offices in Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Chengdu, Shenyang, Qingdao, Wuhan, Changsha, Hong Kong SAR and Macau SAR.

We offer everyone everywhere the opportunity to experience a rewarding career in accountancy, finance and management. Our qualifications and learning opportunities develop strategic business leaders, forward-thinking professionals with the financial, business and digital expertise essential for the creation of sustainable organisations and flourishing societies.

Since 1904, being a force for public good has been embedded in [our purpose](#). In December 2020, we made commitments to [the UN Sustainable Development Goals](#) which we are measuring and will report on in our annual integrated report. We believe that accountancy is a cornerstone profession of society and is vital in helping economies, organisations and individuals to grow and prosper. It does this by creating robust trusted financial and business management, combating corruption, ensuring organisations are managed ethically, driving sustainability, and providing rewarding career opportunities.

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Annex : Winners list of the Rickshaw Race

Rickshaw Race

Award	Team
Winner	EY FSO
1st Runner-up	Team KPMG
2nd Runner-up	EY RICH
3rd Runner-up	Sino-Pacific Palisades

Outstanding Costume Team

Award	Team
Winner	Sino-Pacific Palisades
1st Runner-up	CUSA PACzek
2nd Runner-up	The University of Manchester Worldwide Limited

Outstanding Cheering Team

Award	Team
Winner	Sino-Pacific Palisades
1st Runner-up	華師創新活力 110
2nd Runner-up	EY CARAT, EY RICH, EY FSO, EY EnergyY

Top Donation Team

Award	Team
Winner	EY RICH

Tertiary Cup

Award	Team
Winner	PolyU-HKCC
1st Runner-up	Youth College DVE
2nd Runner-up	CUSA PACzek