

Immediate release

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ACCA Community Day 2024 wraps up with resounding success Honouring 120 years of excellence alongside financial professionals in pursuit of sustainability

ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) Hong Kong concluded its ACCA Community Day today at Chater Road, Sunday Pedestrian Precinct, Central. This year's event, themed '120 Years of Impact: Run Ahead to a Sustainable Future', marked ACCA's 120th anniversary and showcased its longstanding commitment to sustainable development in the global industry since its establishment in 1904. The Community Day, which is an annual finance and charity event, welcomed Paul Chan Mo-po, the Financial Secretary of the HKSAR government, as the guest of honour. The event gathered participants from accountancy firms, multinational companies, local organisations, and institutions, taking part in the rickshaw races to support charitable causes. Team EY FSO claimed the victory in the rickshaw race.

ACCA Community Day was initiated in 1997 by Paul Chan Mo-po, Financial Secretary who at the time served as the Chairman of ACCA Hong Kong. He also graced this year's event as the guest of honour. During the opening ceremony, he said, 'I'm glad to once again participate in ACCA's Community Day. This year, ACCA's Community Day revolves around the theme of 'Running Ahead to a Sustainable Future'. When it comes to sustainability, and in light of the upcoming Budget preparations, I find myself contemplating the sustainability of public finances. The government is currently making every effort to boost the economy and achieve sustainable and rapid economic growth, expanding the economic pie to benefit people from various sectors of society. ACCA is the most internationally recognised professional accountancy body, with members around the world. ACCA Hong Kong provides valuable input to the government on the Budget every year, and is actively involved in charitable endeavours. I hope that all of you will continue to contribute to society by leveraging your expertise in your respective professional fields.'

Dr Danny Po, Chairman of ACCA Hong Kong, said at the opening ceremony, 'This year's ACCA Community Day holds a dual significance. Firstly, it commemorates the 120th anniversary of ACCA's establishment, and the theme chosen is '**120 Years of Impact: Run Ahead to a Sustainable Future'**. Additionally, we aim to provide a joyful and uplifting experience for the participants and cheering teams, spreading the spirit of love and care. ACCA Hong Kong has always been committed to walking alongside society, whether it's through contributing to the community or enhancing professional standards in the industry. Looking ahead, ACCA will stay true to its mission, continuing to shoulder social responsibility and promoting the spirit of love and care in Hong Kong while making further contributions to the industry.'

As the **ACCA Community Day** enters its 26th year since its inception in 1997, it continues to make significant impacts to the local community. Over the years, it has raised nearly HK\$ 24 million in charitable donations, successfully bringing together the business community to contribute to philanthropic causes. All funds raised will be donated to local charitable organisations to support their meaningful projects aimed at assisting vulnerable groups in Hong Kong. The three beneficiary organisations are:

(1) Hong Kong Playground Association;

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(2) ImpactHK; and

(3) Our Hands Green Association

Please refer to the annex for the list of winners for this year's ACCA Community Day. ACCA remains committed to fostering the spirit of love and care and assisting individuals in need in the future.

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

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Further details of ACCA Community Day 2024 can be accessed at <u>www.accaglobal.com/hk/communityday</u>

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Paul Chan Mo-po, the Financial Secretary of the HKSAR government (centre), Dr Danny Po, Chairman of ACCA Hong Kong (second from right), and representatives from beneficiary organisations of the 2024 ACCA Community Day jointly officiate the opening ceremony.



Dr Danny Po, Chairman of ACCA Hong Kong poses for a photo with the award-winning teams.



Teams compete vigorously for the Outstanding Costume Award.



Participating teams dress up and cheer for the participants in the rickshaw race.



Participants in the rickshaw race are ready to go.



Teams in the rickshaw race give their all, pouring sweat and effort into the competition.

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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 <u>our purpose</u>. In December 2020, we made commitments to <u>the UN Sustainable Development Goals</u> 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	EY Tax
2nd Runner-up	Team KPMG
3rd Runner-up	Sino Estates Management Ltd

Outstanding Costume Team

Award	Team
Winner	HKMU A-Team
1st Runner-up	Sino Estates Management Ltd
2nd Runner-up	FSE Lifestyle Services Ltd

Outstanding Cheering Team

Award	Team
Winner	Sino Estates Management Ltd
1st Runner-up	Ernst & Young Group Ltd
2nd Runner-up	HKMU A-Team

Top Donation Team

Award	Team
Winner	EY Assurance

Tertiary Cup

Award	Team
Winner	HKU Fifth Floor Fraternity
1st Runner-up	PolyU AF
2nd Runner-up	HKMU A-Team