

## <u>"2013 Macau Galaxy Entertainment International Marathon"</u> <u>Hailed as Huge Success</u> <u>Galaxy Entertainment Group Won Group Trophy</u> <u>for the Ninth Consecutive Year</u>

**December 1, 2013 -** The "2013 Macau Galaxy Entertainment International Marathon" took place on Sunday morning, bringing together 6,000 running enthusiasts from local and overseas regions to race in different classifications. Kenya's Julius Kiplimo Maisei finished Full Marathon in 2:12:43 to scoop the men's title whereas Mi Gyong Kim from Democratic People's Republic of Korea set the winning pace in 2:36:32 in the women's event.

This year also marks the tenth consecutive year for Galaxy Entertainment Group ("GEG") to be the title sponsor of this international event. With a new record of participation, the GEG team members continued to deliver a strong performance and took home the Marathon's Group Trophy for the ninth time.

The annual long run was kicked off with horn blasts by Mr. José Maria da Fonseca Tavares, Acting President of Macau Sport Development Board, Mr. Ma Iao Hang, President of Macau Athletic Association, together with Mr. Francis Lui, Vice Chairman of GEG, and Dr. Jorge Neto Valente, Group Advisor of GEG. Mr. Francis Lui said, "GEG's ten-year title sponsorship of Macau International Marathon is the proof of our commitment to fostering a sustainable sports culture within the community. Over the past decade, Macau Marathon has grown into an internationally acclaimed sporting activity, a well-established platform for local and overseas athletes to showcase their talent. We are very delighted that the annual event has turned out to be a great success and would like to extend our heartfelt congratulations to the organizers on their achievement."

Among the GEG runners were some of the senior executives including Mr. Philip Cheng, Director of GEG, and Ms. Eileen Lui, Human Resources and Administration Director. Alongside the race route stood some of the GEG team members who sent cheers and voluntarily handed out drinks not only to the GEG runners but also to other athletes



passing by. With the great support from their colleagues, the GEG runners completed the long run successfully to take home the Marathon's Group Trophy.

Shanti Devi Adhikari and Tek Paudel KC from GEG's security department joined the Mini Marathon and took home the first runner up titles at women's Category-B and men's Category-B respectively. Joining the race for the third year, Tek said, "I am very thrilled to have won my first Marathon title. I would also like to give a big thank-you to GEG and my colleagues for their support. I will definitely come back again next year to make a better result."

6,000 runners participated in Macau Marathon on Sunday morning, with 1,000 joining Full Marathon, 2,000 for Half Marathon and 3,000 for Mini Marathon. As in previous years, the race continued to offer its participants a scenic run around some of Macau's most popular tourist attractions, such as GEG's flagship property Galaxy Macau<sup>™</sup>, so that they could enjoy the beautiful sceneries of this vibrant and multi-cultural city. To deliver support to the marathon runners, GEG specially arranged cheerleaders to cheer on the participants alongside the race route, and also rewarded the fastest local and invited athletes in Full Marathon with big prizes for their outstanding performance.

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## Photo Captions:



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P002: Mr. Francis Lui, Vice Chairman of GEG, Mr. Cheong U, Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, and Mr. Ma Iao Hang, President of Macau Athletic Association (from left to right), presented awards to the first ten male athletes of Full Marathon.





P003: Winning the Marathon's Group trophy for the ninth consecutive year, the GEG runners were joined by the senior executives and colleagues in celebrating their great success.



P004: Kenya's Julius Kiplimo Maisei finished Full Marathon in 2:12:43 to scoop the men's title.





P005: The Marathon runners passed by several landmarks in the city such as Galaxy Macau.



P006: Shanti Devi Adhikari and Tek Paudel KC from GEG's security department joined the Mini Marathon this year and took home the first runner up titles in their respective categories.