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## **Hang Seng Table Tennis Academy Celebrates Achievements of Rising Young Stars at 2022 Graduation Ceremony**

Hang Seng Bank and the Hong Kong Table Tennis Association ('HKTTA') came together today at the Bank's Headquarters Building to celebrate the hard work and outstanding performances of young local table tennis talent at the Hang Seng Table Tennis Academy ('Academy') 2022 Graduation Ceremony.

The Academy organised 77 training courses providing 763 hours of elite training in 2022. The youngest player among this year's 94 graduates is only nine years old. The new graduates also include five junior players who have qualified to join the Hong Kong Youth Representative Team.

Presiding guests Diana Cesar, Executive Director and Chief Executive of Hang Seng; Tony Yue, Chairman of HKTTA; and Vincent Liu Ming-kwong, Director of Leisure and Cultural Services, presented 24 awards to graduating students and Academy scholarship awardees.

Diana Cesar said: "Today's ceremony is recognition of the hard work and perseverance of the Academy's young sporting graduates, who have demonstrated commitment, determination and drive over the past year in seeking to enhance their skills and perform at a high level. Hang Seng's brand values reflect similar characteristics and spirit. We are proud to be a part of helping these talented young people to achieve their potential. We also thank our long-term partner, HKTTA, for its tremendous contributions to the development of table tennis in our city. The Association has played a central role in putting Hong Kong on the international table tennis map."

Tony Yue said: "HKTTA and Hang Seng have been closely working together for 32 years to popularise and advance elite table tennis in Hong Kong. The Academy plays a crucial role in nurturing young players with good potential into elite athletes. Benefiting from the Academy's resources, facilities and coaches, many local table tennis players have gone on to hold their own and compete at a high level on the international stage. The Academy is committed to promoting table tennis throughout the local community to attract more talent and ensure the sport continues to grow."

Academy alumni Wong Chun-ting and Olympic team bronze medallist Minnie Soo Wai-yam shared career and play insights with two young 'Stars of Tomorrow' award winners, Hayson Chow Hoi-sun and Tang Ho-yan.

The ceremony also featured a friendly match between the Academy's Best Player of 2022, Li Hon-man, and Hong Kong team player Lam Siu-hang. Their lively rallies delighted the attendees, embodying the energetic spirit and energy of Hong Kong table tennis.

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### Photo Captions

#### Photo 1:

Diana Cesar, Executive Director and Chief Executive of Hang Seng Bank (middle); Tony Yue, Chairman of Hong Kong Table Tennis Association (left); and Vincent Liu Ming-kwong, Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (right), open the ceremony by inserting the table tennis balls to the big racket that symbolises the continued injection of new momentum into the development of Hong Kong table tennis.



#### Photo 2:

Diana Cesar, Executive Director and Chief Executive of Hang Seng Bank, encourages Hang Seng Table Tennis Academy students to continue working hard to achieve their personal goals and set new records for Hong Kong sports.





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### Photo 3:

Hong Kong team 'Master Brother', Wong Chun-ting; and Olympic team bronze medallist, Minnie Soo Wai-yam, chat with 'Stars of Tomorrow', Hayson Chow Hoi-sun and Tang Ho-yan, about their futures.



### Photo 4:

Presiding guests at the Hang Seng Table Tennis Academy Graduation Ceremony, Diana Cesar, Executive Director and Chief Executive of Hang Seng Bank (first row left six); Yue Kwok-leung, Chairman of the Hong Kong Table Tennis Association (first row left eight); and Liu Ming-kwong, Director of Leisure and Cultural Services (first row left seven), take a photo with members of the Hong Kong Table Tennis Team, as well as Academy coaches, graduates and their families.





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### Photo 5:

Nine large table tennis installations present major milestones in Hang Seng's support for Hong Kong table tennis development over the past 30 years and key sporting achievements by Hang Seng Table Tennis Academy graduates.



### About Hang Seng Bank's Corporate Social Responsibility

Hang Seng Bank is rooted in Hong Kong. With the belief of "people-centric", we have been committed to building a more prosperous and sustainable future for Hong Kong. Youth are the key to sustainable development. Helping them equip themselves not only keeps the community vibrant but also creates long-term positive changes for society and the environment. Therefore, we focus on motivating and nurturing youth in Hong Kong, developing their knowledge, skills and self-confidence. Hang Seng is also committed to serving the wider community. Our community investments are structured around four key pillars: developing youth's skills for employability, promoting sustainable finance and financial education, responding to climate change, and caring for the community. In 2022, we pledged to invest nearly HK\$32 million in the community to fund 16 projects organized by local NGOs, directly benefiting over 77,000 people.

### About Hang Seng Table Tennis Academy

Established in 2001, the Hang Seng Table Tennis Academy ("Academy") aims to popularize table tennis and help youth set personal goals, develop perseverance and enrich life experiences through table tennis training. Since its establishment, the Academy has nurtured over 65,000 students. Nearly 150 have become members of the Hong Kong Team or Hong Kong Youth Team. In addition, 5 out of 6 table tennis players who represented Hong Kong in the 2022 Olympics are Academy graduates. The Academy has held nearly 8,000 activities, benefiting over 420,000 people. The Academy cultivates talents in four areas: athlete training, coach training, technical training and sports education. It provides high-quality table tennis courses, teaching materials, technical support, etc. at different levels to allow table tennis enthusiasts with different technical levels to participate and become part of the Academy.



**Attachment**

**Hang Seng Table Tennis Academy Graduation Ceremony 2022  
Award Winners**

Award	Winner	
	Male Players	Female Players
Best Player	LI HON MAN	CHAN SHIU LAM CHELSEA
Player with Most Potential	WONG TSZ YAN MAX HO AIDEN SI-CHUN WU CHUNG TING LOUIS	TANG HO YAN YIP TSZ YAU HUI NGA YAN
Star of Tomorrow ( Aged 9 or below )	CHOW HOI SUN HAYSON	TANG HO YAN
Best Cadet Player ( Aged 13 or below )	LO KA KIT	MAK MING SHUM
Best Junior Player ( Aged 14 - 15 )	YAN MASA HIKO	LAW SUM YEE SAMMI
Best Youth Player ( Aged 16 - 19 )	LI HON MAN	CHAN SHIU LAM CHELSEA
Badges Award Scheme - Diamond	LEE MING HO SING CHUN YIN	
Inter-Centre Competition Award	Male Players	Female Players
Regional Squad Winner	LO SUN YIN	MAN HIU MAN
Regional Squad First Runner-Up	CHAN HOI LONG	TSE TSZ YAU
Regional Squad Second Runner-Up	FAN KOK PAN JUSTIN	CHEUNG WAI YI



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Regional Squad Third Runner-Up	WAH ZENITH	CHAN CHUN WING
Elite Cadet Squad Winner	LEUNG YIK HEI	YEUNG YEE LAM ASHLEY
Elite Cadet Squad First Runner-Up	WONG TSZ LAM	ZAINUDEEN SONIA ABBAS
Elite Cadet Squad Second Runner-Up	SIT NOK TIN	AU KINKI
Elite Cadet Squad Third Runner-Up	LI HO LUNG	WONG CHEUK KWAN CHERYL
Most Supportive School Award	YU CHUN KEUNG MEMORIAL COLLEGE NO.2	