



Press release

**“2024 SJM Macao International Dragon Boat Races” Enliven  
the Atmosphere of Macau with Thrilling Competition**

*Promoting international exchange in sports and Macau’s diverse tourism elements*

(Macao, 10 June 2024) The “2024 SJM Macao International Dragon Boat Races,” proudly organised in collaboration with the Sports Bureau of the Macao SAR Government, SJM Resorts, S.A. (“SJM”) and the Dragon Boat Association of Macao, China, concluded today amidst roaring cheers and applause. This thrilling three-day event, held from 8 to 10 June at the Nam Van Lake Nautical Centre, brought together elite dragon boat teams from various countries and regions, including Mainland China, Hong Kong, Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia, Cambodia and the Philippines. Throughout the exciting races, SJM has also launched an array of diverse activities to enhance the overall sports tourism experience, creating an atmosphere of intense excitement and festive spirit at Nam Van Lake.

Ms. Daisy Ho, Managing Director of SJM, expressed her delight: “As a vital Chinese cultural tradition, the Dragon Boat Festival is recognised as a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage, and dragon boat racing has evolved into an international sport. SJM played a long-established role in these chapters of the sport’s development and will continue to leverage its charm to attract athletes and spectators from overseas and enhance Macau’s international image as a ‘City of Sports.’ We put forward our best efforts to support the government’s ‘Tourism + Sports’ strategy and contribute to Macau’s development as a ‘World Centre of Tourism and Leisure.” She added, “I am beyond thrilled with the outstanding performance of the SJM dragon boat teams in this year’s races. Our teams displayed extraordinary teamwork and fighting spirit. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the winning teams who made us very proud.”

During the three-day races, SJM’s board members and a total of around 800 team members together with their families showed unwavering support for the participating teams and cheered on the triumphant teams. Besides the high participation in organising the races, SJM proudly fielded seven teams in this year’s event competing in six races. Notably, SJM excelled in the “2024 SJM Macao International Dragon Boat Races”:

- Runner-up and third place of Macao Small Dragon Boat Race (200m) in Open Category
- Runner-up of Macao Small Dragon Boat Race (200m) in Women’s Category
- Runner-up of Macao Standard Dragon Boat Race (500m) in Open Category
- Third place of Macao Standard Dragon Boat Race (500m) in Women’s Category
- Fifth place of Macao International Invitation Standard Dragon Boat Race (500m) in Open Category
- Seventh place of Macao International Invitation Standard Dragon Boat Race (500m) in Women’s Category
- Best Drummer award

The event attracted a large turnout of both locals and tourists, drawing in many families with children eager to learn about the traditional significance of dragon boat racing and enjoy the “2024 SJM Macao International Dragon Boat Races Carnival” along at the Anim’Arte Nam Van. The Carnival featured live performances including magic show, clown twisting act, busking music show, dance parade and more. With nearly 30 booths offering entertainment games, local cultural and creative products, workshops, mouth-watering snacks and delicacies, spectators were able to fully immerse themselves while enhancing their enjoyment of the sporting event.

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Mr. Ho Iat Seng, Chief Executive of the Macao SAR Government presents the Best Drummer award to Ms. Fong Si Man, drummer from SJM Lotus Grand Dragon (Large).



Ms. Daisy Ho, Managing Director of SJM presents the trophies and cheques to the winning teams of the Macao International Invitation Standard Dragon Boat Race (500m) in Open Category.



The SJM management and members of the SJM Dragon Boat teams pose together for a group photo.