



“SJM 10th Asian Wushu Championships 2024” Successfully Kicked Off
Converging closed to 400 Martial Art Elites Across the Continent

(Macau, 11 September 2024) “SJM 10th Asian Wushu Championships 2024” officially kicked off today with the opening ceremony and welcome luncheon held at the Grand Lisboa Palace Resort Macau. As part of its celebration for the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the People’s Republic of China and the 25th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Macao SAR, this year’s event gathers nearly 400 athletes, team leaders, and coaches from 23 countries and regions across Asia-Pacific region. The event is organised by the Wushu Federation of Asia (“WFA”); undertaken by the Wushu General Association of Macau (“WGAM”); co-organised and title-sponsored by SJM Resorts, S.A. (“SJM”); co-organised by the Sports Bureau of the Macao SAR Government (“MSB”); and supported by the Education and Youth Development Bureau of the Macao SAR Government (“DSEDJ”), and the Macao Government Tourism Office (“MGTO”).

Distinguished guests who attended include Mr. Yin Rutao, Deputy Director of the Department of Publicity and Culture of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao SAR; Mr. Luís Gomes, Acting President of MSB; Mr. Ricky Hoi, Acting Director of MGTO; Mr. Chan Weng Kit, President of WFA; Ms. Daisy Ho, Managing Director of SJM; Mr. Chan Iok Wai, Head of the Department of Students of DSEDJ; Mr. Iao Chon In, Vice-President of WGAM; Mr. Ian Fok, Honorary Life President of WFA; Mr. Lu Yuedi, Honourary Vice-President of the WFA; and Mr. Vincent Zhao, the ambassador of WFA.

In his opening remarks, Mr. Chan Weng Kit, President of the WFA, stated, “The Asian Wushu Championships represent the highest level of wushu competition, second only to the Asian Games. This event serves as a platform for Asian Wushu athletes to showcase their prowess, fostering cultural exchanges in the field of wushu and marking a significant milestone in the sport’s development in the Asian region. After an eight-year hiatus following the 9th Asian Wushu Championships held in Taoyuan in 2016, the successful organisation of this year’s event owes much to the active support from all sectors. Special thanks go to the Macao Special Administrative Region Government for its promotion and guidance; and to SJM for its co-organisation and title-sponsorship, which laid a solid foundation for the year’s success.”

Ms. Daisy Ho, Managing Director of SJM, expressed, “SJM is passionately committed to fostering a platform for martial arts excellence through supporting this regional event. Our aim is to promote the virtues inherent in this traditional art form and preserve its rich heritage, thereby upholding Macao’s unique position as ‘a base for exchange and co-operation where Chinese culture prevails and diverse cultures coexist.’ As a pivotal force in Macao’s tourism and leisure industry, SJM remains dedicated to continually enriching

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the destination's allure. Just as martial arts require a harmonious balance of internal and external developments, SJM invests in both our hardware and software advantages. That means beyond our portfolio of five-star facilities, we proactively organise a myriad of exciting events, such as dragon boat races, dance festivals, and lantern art exhibitions. These initiatives enable us to leverage 'Tourism+' synergies, solidifying Macau's reputation as a 'World Centre of Tourism and Leisure' and 'City of Sport.'"

During the ceremony, 12 members of the China Wushu Team delivered a captivating performance at The Grand Pavilion. After that, WFA presented commemorative gifts to co-organisers, organisers, sponsors, and supporting units, including MSB, SJM and WGAM. Members of the Organizing Committee distributed souvenirs to the performing athletes and participating teams as a token of appreciation. Representatives of referees and athletes took their oath to ensure fairness, impartiality and transparency in this competition. Subsequently, the Guests of Honour kicked off the championship with a ceremonial drumroll.

Building on the success of "2023 SJM 11th Asian Junior Wushu Championships" last year, SJM reaffirms its commitment to promoting the Chinese national arts by meticulously preparing for the "SJM 10th Asian Wushu Championships 2024," ensuring a seamless event and an exciting international martial arts spectacle for all. The championships, featuring exciting Taolu and Sanda competitions, will be held from 12 to 15 September 2024 at the Tap Seac Multisport Pavilion. Teams from 23 countries and regions across Asia-Pacific region will compete over four days for the highest honours, including Australia; Brunei; China; Hong Kong, China; India; Iran; Jordan; Japan; Kazakhstan; Kyrgyzstan; Korea; Saudi Arabia; Malaysia; Myanmar; Nepal; Philippines; Singapore; Sri Lanka; Turkmenistan; Chinese Taipei; Uzbekistan; Vietnam, and Macao, China. Admission to the event is free and open to the public, inviting residents and tourists to witness the thrilling action and cheer on the athletes.

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The Guests of Honor kick off the championships with a ceremonial drumroll.



Members of the Organising Committee and team leaders from participating teams pose for a group photo.

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Mr. Chan Weng Kit, President of the WFA, delivers the opening remarks.

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Ms. Daisy Ho, Managing Director of SJM, gives a welcome speech.



Guests present souvenirs to the 12 members of the China Wushu Team that showcased a dazzling martial art performance.