

Press Release

2024 CTA Tour SJM Professional Finals (Macau) and National Tennis Championships Officially Open

(Macao, November 18, 2024) The 2024 CTA Tour SJM Professional Finals (Macau) and National Tennis Championships officially opened today at the Macau Tennis Academy. As one of Macao's annual major sporting events, this year's tournament holds special significance as it coincides with the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China and the 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Macao SAR.

The event is organized by the Tennis Administrative Center of the General Administration of Sport of China, the Sports Youth Program Center of the Central Radio and Television Station, the Chinese Tennis Association, and the Sports Bureau of the Macao SAR Government, with the support of the Department of Publicity and Culture of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao SAR. SJM Resorts, S.A. ("SJM"), as the title sponsor, has supported the event for the fourth consecutive year. The tournament is co-organized by the Chinese Tennis Sports of Beijing Co., Ltd. and the Macau Tennis Association, with operations managed by Beijing CTA tour Sport Management Co., Ltd. and International Media Port (Shanghai) Culture Development Co., Ltd.

Distinguished guests at the opening ceremony included: Mr. Wan Jianbin, Deputy Director of the Tennis Administrative Center of the General Administration of Sport of China; Ms. Lei Si Leng, Acting Vice President of the Sports Bureau of the Macao SAR Government; Mr. Wang Huijie, Director of the Department of Publicity and Culture of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macao SAR; Ms. Daisy Ho, Managing Director of SJM Resorts, S.A.; Mr. Chan Chak Mo, President of the Sports and Olympic Committee of Macau, China; Mr. Ma Iao Iao, Chairman of the Macau Tennis Association; Ms. Ng Ioc Leng, President of the Macau Tennis Association; Mr. Xu Yabin, Member of the Party Committee and Deputy General Manager of Chengdu Cultural & Tourism Development Group Ltd.; Mr. Su Wanghui, Chief Digital Officer of Luzhou Laojiao Co., Ltd. and Chairman of International Development (Hong Kong) Co., Ltd.; Mr. Wu Meng, Chairman of Chengdu Sports Industry Development Co., Ltd.; Mr. Zhou Bing, Deputy General Manager of Chinese Tennis Sports of Beijing Co., Ltd.; Mr. Peng Lingchang, General Manager of Beijing CTA Tour Sport Management Co., Ltd.; Mr. Cheong Kuai Hong, Mr. Lam Kam Hung, Mr. Chio Man Tou, and others from the Sports Council.

At the opening ceremony, Mr. Wan Jianbin, Deputy Director of the Tennis Administrative Center of the General Administration of Sport of China, delivered a welcome speech on behalf of the organizing committee, saying, "Since 2021, Macau has hosted the CTA Tour Professional Finals, using the tournament to promote cultural and sports exchange and enhance the integration of sports and culture in the Greater Bay Area. In 2024, coinciding with a double celebration year, top players from across the country will gather in Macau to showcase a tennis extravaganza, supporting Macau's efforts to build an international tourism brand and further the development of tennis." Ms. Ng Ioc Leng, President of the Macau Tennis Association, stated: "Emphasizing the significance of hosting the 'SJM' Professional Finals in Macau, we extend our gratitude for the support from all parties. With the arrival of this double celebration year, the tournament will feature more special activities to promote the development of tennis and strengthen exchanges within the Greater Bay Area. Notably, the event will host the 'Glory of Chinese Tennis Exhibition,' inviting students to attend matches and serve as ball boys and girls, further fostering friendship and engagement. As a core city of the Greater Bay Area, Macau will continue to drive the integration of sports and culture, contributing to future growth and development." In the presence of all distinguished guests, a solemn oath was taken by the referee representative and athlete representative, followed by Mr. Wan Jianbin officially declaring the tournament open.

As Chinese tennis athletes continue to achieve outstanding results in international competitions, such as the Olympics, the sport's popularity and influence within China have grown significantly. This tournament brings together the country's top tennis players to compete along the shores of Macao, presenting an exhilarating display of high-level tennis. In addition to featuring men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, and women's doubles, the tournament has invited notable athletes such as Zhang Zhizhen, mixed

doubles silver medalist at the Paris Olympics, as well as Guo Luoyao and Zhu Zhenzhen, bronze medalists in women’s wheelchair doubles at the Paralympics, to participate in related activities.

A highlight of this year’s event is the involvement of renowned celebrity Wu Chun as the Finals Ambassador. On November 23, Wu Chun will join Zhang Zhizhen, Guo Luoyao, Zhu Zhenzhen, and other top athletes in the “Tennis for All: Celebrity and Elite Players Exhibition Match.” This collaboration between Olympic and Paralympic stars promises to add even more excitement to the tournament. Wu Chun, known for his prominence in the entertainment industry and passion for sports, will bring additional vitality and attention to the event. His participation not only enhances the appeal of the Finals but also helps to promote the charm of tennis and the spirit of teamwork to a younger audience, inspiring greater interest in the sport.

With the opening ceremony officially underway, the 2024 CTA Tour SJM Professional Finals (Macau) and National Tennis Championships have begun. Athletes will showcase their exceptional skills in the upcoming matches, offering audiences an unforgettable tennis spectacle. The tournament also serves to further advance the development of tennis in Macao while enhancing the city’s reputation and influence on the international sports stage. Let us eagerly anticipate the pinnacle moments of this sporting extravaganza!

For more information about the event, please follow the Official WeChat account: CTA TOUR.

Photo Captions:

Photo 1



Mr. Wan Jianbin, Deputy Director of the Tennis Sports Management Center of the General Administration of Sport of China; Ms. Lei Si Leng, Acting Vice President of the Sports Bureau of the Macao SAR Government; Mr. Wang Huijie, Director of the Department of Publicity and Culture of the Liaison Office of the Central People’s Government in the Macao SAR; Ms. Daisy Ho, Managing Director of SJM Resorts, S.A. and other guests pose with SJM’s mascot “Sam the Rooster.”

Photo 2



Welcome speech by Mr. Wan Jianbin, Deputy Director of the Tennis Administrative Center of the General Administration of Sport of China.

Photo 3



Speech by Ms. Ng Ioc Leng, President of the Macau Tennis Association.