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# HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL OPEN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

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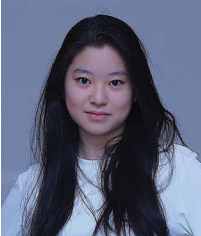


★★ PAST CHAMPIONS ★★

1 <sup>st</sup>	2009	Chong Chor Yuen	 HKG
2 <sup>nd</sup>	2010	Levine Seth	 HKG
3 <sup>rd</sup>	2011	Muniz Pardino Alberto	 ESP
4 <sup>th</sup>	2012	IM Zhou Yang-Fan	 ENG
5 <sup>th</sup>	2013	Li Bo	 CHN
6 <sup>th</sup>	2014	GM Yu Ruiyuan	 CHN
7 <sup>th</sup>	2015	GM Barbosa Oliver	 PHI
8 <sup>th</sup>	2016	IM Pascua Haridas	 PHI
9 <sup>th</sup>	2017	GM Grigoryan Karen H.	 ARM
10 <sup>th</sup>	2018	Aoshima Mirai	 JPN
11 <sup>st</sup>	2023	GM Vaibhav Suri	 IND



# ***Message from Hong Kong China Chess Federation***



It is with immense pride and excitement that I welcome you all to the 2024 Hong Kong International Open Chess Championship. As the General Secretary of the Hong Kong China Chess Federation(HKCFL) and the Chairlady of the Organizing Committee, I am deeply honored to continue the legacy of advancing the sport of chess through this remarkable event, which grows in prestige and impact with each passing year.

This championship is not only a celebration of exceptional talent but also a milestone in our enduring commitment to promoting chess as a unifying force in the region and beyond. Over the years, the Hong Kong International Open has become a prominent platform for players from around the globe to showcase their skills, share their passion, and forge enduring friendships through the universal language of chess.

Chess events have been held in the side rooms of Queen Elizabeth Stadium since the 1980s, and it is a historic milestone to finally bring HKCFL's flagship event to the main arena. The 11th edition of this championship holds particular significance as it reflects the resilience, dedication, and collaborative spirit of the chess community in Hong Kong. This year, we are especially proud to host this prestigious event for the very first time with funding support from the HKSAR Government, a testament to the growing recognition of chess as an important cultural and intellectual sport in our city.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our sponsors, arbiters, volunteers, and technical staff. Your unwavering support and dedication have been instrumental in bringing this tournament to life, ensuring that it remains a hallmark event in the international chess calendar and an inspiration to players and fans alike. To all participants, I wish you the very best in your games. Your passion, skill, and perseverance embody the true spirit of chess, and I am confident that this tournament will serve as a stage for thrilling matches and unforgettable moments.

May this championship not only showcase the brilliance of the game but also reinforce Hong Kong's role as a vibrant hub for chess, inspiring future generations to embrace the values of strategy, discipline, and unity.

***Liyun Liang***

***General Secretary of Hong Kong China Chess Federation  
Chairlady of the Organising Committee***



# Main Event Schedule

DATE	TIME	PROGRAMME	TIME	PROGRAMME
27 Dec 2024	10:00	Player Registration	15:30	Player's Meeting
			16:00	Round 1
28 Dec 2024	10:00	Round 2	16:00	Round 3
29 Dec 2024	10:00	Round 4		
30 Dec 2024	10:00	Round 5	16:00	Round 6
31 Dec 2024	10:00	Round 7		
1 January 2025	10:00	Round 8		
2 January 2025	10:00	Round 9	est 14:00	Closing Ceremony



## Side Event Schedule

<b>DEC 24</b>	<b>NATIONAL ARBITER SEMINAR PART 1</b> 15:00-20:00
<b>DEC 25</b>	<b>NATIONAL ARBITER SEMINAR PART 2</b> 10:00-15:00
<b>DEC 25</b>	<b>NATIONAL ARBITER EXAMINATION</b> 18:00-21:00
<b>DEC 27</b>	<b>PRESS CONFERENCE</b> 11:30-13:00
<b>DEC 29</b>	<b>HKCFL INTERNATIONAL BLITZ CHAMPIONSHIP 2024</b> 16:00-20:00
<b>DEC 31</b>	<b>MEET AND GREET GM</b> 16:00-18:00



# Open Category Prize



	2 <sup>nd</sup>	HKD20,000
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	HKD10,000
	4 <sup>th</sup>	HKD8,000
	5 <sup>th</sup>	HKD6,000
	6 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>	HKD3,000



	1 <sup>st</sup>		2 <sup>nd</sup>		3 <sup>rd</sup>
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# Challenger Category Prize



	2 <sup>nd</sup>	HKD20,000
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	HKD10,000
	4 <sup>th</sup>	HKD8,000
	5 <sup>th</sup>	HKD6,000
	6 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>	HKD3,000




	1 <sup>st</sup>		2 <sup>nd</sup>		3 <sup>rd</sup>
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# List of Officials

## Tournament Director

IO Chan, KK 

## Chairman of Appeals

IA Turdaliev, Khusan 

## Appeals Member

NA Nakvanich, Sahapol 

## Chief Arbiter

IA Biagioli, Marco 

## Deputy Chief Arbiter

IA Dimitrijevic, Aleksandra 


IA Lai, Robin 


IA Nisban, Jasmin 

## Arbiters

IA Genkeswaran, Muniyan 


IA Thiagarajoo, Kumaressan 


IA Pagarar, Michael Joseph 

FA Wong, Qi Hao 

NA Yuan, NA 


NA Li, Zixu 

NA Kannappan, Sigappi 

NA Lam, Chi Wang Raymond 

NA Ho, Nok Hang Jonathan 

NA Leung, Pui Kwong 

NA Leung, Hoi Ting 

## Technical Team

FA Mohd Tamil, Emran 

FA Mohd Asri, Mohd Nurul Izani 



# ***Player Reminders***

Welcome to the Hong Kong International Open Chess Championship 2024. To ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience for all participants, please take note of the following important reminders.

## **PLAYER'S MEETING**

To help all participants better understand the details of the tournament, a Player's Meeting is scheduled on December 27, 3:30 pm. All participants must attend the meeting in main arena. Please arrive 15 mins early.

## **Entry and Exit Guidelines**

- Please arrive at the competition venue 30 minutes before the start of the tournament.
- All participants are required to wear a name badge at all times, and a badge when accessing the field.
- All electronic devices and personal backpacks must be surrendered before the start of the tournament.



# The Venue

## Tournament Venue

### Queen Elizabeth Stadium

18 Oi Kwan Rd, Wan Chai, Hong Kong

## Accommodation

### South Pacific Hotel

23 Morrison Hill Road ,Wan Chai, Hong Kong



#### CityBus

6X, 10, 15B, 19, 76



#### Getting to the Airport

MTR

#### Kowloon Motor Bus

603A



• From Causeway Bay, take the MTR train to Central Station. Then, follow the signs to Hong Kong Station and hop on the Airport Express to the airport.

#### CityBus / Kowloon Motor Bus

101, 109, 111, 111P, 113, 115, 116, N121, N170

• There is a shuttle bus that goes to Hong Kong Station from The Emperor Hotel. Please check with the hotel staff for the shuttle bus schedule.



#### HK TRAMWAYS

Hennessy Road



#### MTR

Causeway Bay Station Time Square Exit A  
Wan Chai Station Exit A3



# Dining

South Pacific Hotel offers two exquisite dining establishments, namely La Pacifica Restaurant and Snow Garden .

- **La Pacifica Restaurant (2nd Floor)** Our restaurant chefs are delighted to serve you a wide range of superb delicacies.
- **Snow Garden(Basement 1)** Snow Garden Shanghainese Restaurant's culinary culture has been passed down through generations to create authentic dishes with modern twist using our iconic seasoned red vinegar – an integral part of Shanghainese cuisine.



**La Pacifica Restaurant**



**Snow Garden**

- 1 McDonald's**  
Open 24 hours  
Shop 2, G/F, Chinachem Johnston Plaza, 178-186 Johnston, Wan Chai
- 2 Rose Kitchen**  
07:00-00:00  
1/F, Wan Chai Commercial Centre, 194-204 Johnston Road, Wan Chai
- 3 Istanbul Turkish Kebabs and Grills (Certified Halal Food)**  
11:00-23:00  
Shop 3, G/F, Pao Woo Mansion, 177-179 Wan Chai Road, Wan Chai
- 4 New Forest Restaurant**  
07:00-21:00  
G/F, 203 Wan Chai Road, Wan Chai
- 5 HING KAT OYA**  
11:00-22:00 (Sun-Closed)  
12/F, Tiffany Tower, 197-199 Wan Chai Road, Wan Chai
- 6 New Bangkok Restaurant**  
12:00-23:00  
G/F, 366 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai
- 7 Keung Kee Meat Shop**  
07:00-23:00  
G/F, Siu Fung Building, 9-17 Tin Lok Lane, Wan Chai

- Please refer to the map on P.9





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