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Race Teams Showcase Fun Costumes around the World to Raise Funds for Charities at Sedan Chair Race

Chinese bridegroom, characters from the movies *Jurassic Park*, *Pirates of the Caribbean*, and Japanese cartoon *Kiki's Delivery Service*, and some famous people from Switzerland were found at the Peak! They all joined the Sedan Chair Race at Matilda International Hospital to raise funds for Hong Kong small charities which run education, health or social welfare community programmes. Our Guest of Honour, Under Secretary for Food and Health, Dr CHUI Tak-yi, JP and the ambassador Jade Kwan also attended the fun event and officiated the race with Linda Burgoyne, the Chairman of the Sedan Chair Charities Fund (SCCF).

Linda Burgoyne said, "I am thrilled to see incredible costumes and very positive messages shared at the race which captured our theme, "Running through the Ages", this year. Music mingled with laughter as the teams entertained spectators, creating a truly joyful atmosphere."

"The event gains support from a wide diversity of teams and helps them to enhance people engagement, achieve social responsibility objectives and promote a positive image in a fun yet challenging way. Thanks to our special guests, our gold sponsor Kishinchand Chellaram Foundation, bronze sponsor Peak Tramways, our pilot chairs' sponsor Gammon Construction, as well as many prize sponsors, race teams, media partners, volunteers, supporters, and spectators, the money raised can enable local small charities to provide meaningful change for the people in the communities they serve."

Noting that it was the 43rd Sedan Chair Race, our Guest of Honour, Under Secretary for Food and Health, Dr Chui Tak-yi, JP said this event has evolved to be an interesting and meaningful annual event and that the money raised from this year event alone would benefit 12 local lesser-known charitable organisations which had very limited resources to do fundraising themselves.

Our gold sponsor Sham L. Chellaram, Governor, Kishinchand Chellaram Foundation Limited said, "Kishinchand Chellaram Foundation is proud to be the gold sponsor of the Sedan Chair Race this year continuing its tradition from KC Maritime who was a co-sponsor in the previous years. We congratulate all the participants in the Race for the time and effort they are contributing and certainly look forward to celebrating the 50th anniversary of this great tradition."

There's something new in the Sedan Chair Race this year. This year a new race category, "Super Fun Challenge" was introduced in which only 4-6 runners are required without carrying a passenger. Apart from this new initiative, 10 pilot chairs for Serious Challenge sponsored by Gammon Construction were in use to replace the old chairs. The new improved structural design was constructed from a runner's perspective and the chairs are now easier to run with and sturdier. And the First *Mini Sedan Chair Obstacle Run* was debut, giving parents and children an excellent opportunity to enjoy the unique sedan chair experience.



The event day was filled with wide array of interactive games, workshops and music performances, featuring a number of the best emerging bands in town, from **Graphicker**, the 2nd runner up of the Asian Beat Competition 2012, to local a cappella group **Uweee** and an African drumming performance group **Afra Afra Kids** and **EDF Dance Studio & BE Dance Academy**.

The winners of the 2017 Sedan Chair Race are:

| Awards | Teams |
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| Serious Challenge | |
| Fastest Serious Challenge Team | UBS (11 min 14 sec) |
| Fastest School Team | Island School (9 min 44 sec) |

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| Fun Challenge | |
| Most Entertaining Team | YO! FIDA |
| Best Decorated Chair | Dragon Abreast Gallop |
| Best Dressed Team | Swiss Association |
| Team Capturing the Spirit of the Event | Helping Hands |

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About Sedan Chair Charities Fund

Sedan Chair Charities Fund (SCCF) was established in 1975. It is a registered non-profit organisation with a mission to help local charities that receive limited support. Each year, the Sedan Chair Race is held at the Matilda International Hospital located at the Peak, attracting athletes from various nationalities to join the race. Since its inception, over \$70 million has been donated to 138 Hong Kong charitable associations and organisations.

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Photos and Captions



The Guest of Honour, Under Secretary for Food and Health, Dr CHUI Tak-yi, JP (right), the ambassador Jade Kwan (left), and Linda Burgoyne, Chairman of Sedan Chair Charities Fund (middle) took photos with new sedan chair.



The ambassador Jade Kwan joined the Mini Sedan Chair Obstacle Run with a kid.



10 pilot chairs for Serious Challenge sponsored by Gammon Construction were sturdier with modified design.



Dragons Abreast Gallop was named the Champion of Best Dressed Team



Helping Hands was the winner of Team Capturing the Spirit of the Event.



YO! FIDA was named the Champion of the Most Entertaining Team.



The Matilda International Hospital's team, "Marry Me, Matilda", dressed in Chinese bride and bridegroom.



KPMG featured characters of the movie Jurassic Park.