

**NEWS ALERT 1st Zhuhai Half Marathon as at
8th February 2009**

Deadline for Entry & Payment is this Friday

February 13th, top Hong Kong based runner Stefano Pasarello is confirmed and loves the course, over 1000 entries received so far, with runners so far runners coming from USA, UK, Australia, Canada, Italy, Japan, Korea, Singapore, Philippines, Taiwan, Hong and Macau. do not miss the Pre Race Pasta supper....read on.....

* **Top Hong Kong based runner Stefano Passarello** (he who ran an amazing 71 minutes time in the China Coast Half Marathon last month and a 2:28:12 Hong Kong Standard Chartered Marathon on February 8th) took time out of his busy schedule to come over to Zhuhai during the Chinese New Year and inspect the Zhuhai Half Marathon course. Event coordinator Robert Kirby informs us that Stefano enjoyed running the flat, scenic course and thinks that most runners will be pleased with their times and we may even see a new course record being set (albeit unofficial record)

* **Deadline for Entries & Payment is this Friday February 13th.** We have already received over **1000 entries for the 1st Zhuhai Half Marathon**, however around 180 of these entries have not yet completed the payment process. If you are one of these runners, kindly complete the process by Friday 13th otherwise we cannot guarantee you a commemorative Runners Vest or Medal!!!! Please help us to help you. THANK YOU!

* **Race Number/Race Pack Collection Point.** You will be able to collect your Race Pack from inside the Lobby of the Holiday Inn Zhuhai on Saturday 21st February from 2pm until 9pm. We encourage you to collect your pack on Saturday and NOT to leave collection it until Sunday morning. A small quantity of the commemorative Runners Vests will be on sale at the Race Pack collection point should you wish to purchase a 2nd Runners Vest. ***PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR RACE REGISTRATION BANK PAYMENT RECEIPT WHEN COLLECTING YOUR RACE PACK.***

* **Hotel Accommodation.** Our co-sponsor the Holiday Inn Zhuhai is offering a very attractive Marathon package of RMB688net for a twin or double room on Saturday 21st February. This rate includes two buffet breakfasts and two vouchers to the Pre Race Pasta Supper. Please refer to www.zhuhai-marathon.com for email address and contact number for reserving your hotel room. Please

note that Breakfast service will be extended until 2pm for guests staying at the Holiday Inn. Try not to miss this event as we will be making important announcements about the event and there may be a "Luck-Lucky Draw"!!!!

* **Pre Race Pasta Supper Buffet.** Come and join the top runners and enjoy the pre race atmosphere at the Holiday Inn Pasta Supper starting at 6pm until 9pm. For those not staying at the Holiday Inn Zhuhai, there may be vouchers available to purchase when you collect your Race Pack but best to book with the Holiday Inn in advance. At RMB50 per voucher, this is great value!

* **Course Inspection.** Runners wishing to inspect the Zhuhai Half Marathon course will be able to do so on Saturday afternoon. The Holiday Inn Zhuhai is kindly providing a shuttle service to take runners around the scenic and flat 21KM course. The shuttle will depart at 2pm, 3pm, 4pm & 5pm.

* **Prizes.** The first five runners to finish, in each of the three individual categories (Open, Senior & Masters) will be recognized and invited onto the winners podium to receive their prizes. We will try to complete prize presentation efficiently and if you finish in the top five you will plan to inform you after crossing the finish line and invite you to our VIP area ahead of the prize giving. For Team entries, we will recognize the first five teams, with one team being all female. The times of the fastest three team members will be added up to provide the Team Time.

* **Other information.** Please be reminded that both the **1st Zhuhai Half Marathon and 10K Fun Run start at 8am.** We request you to arrive at the Holiday Inn Zhuhai by 1) 7.15am latest. (please allow time for you to warm up before the event) approach roads to the Holiday Inn will close early to ensure the safety of all runners during the race so do not get stranded!!

* **Shuttle Service.** The Holiday Inn are also planning to provide a shuttle service from the finish line of the 10K Fun Run to the finish line of the Half Marathon and back to the Holiday Inn on a 15 minute frequency. This proposed service will start from 8.30am and finish at 12 noon. Further announcement to follow including the Chinese names for our venues.

Keep on Running and please join us in helping to make this one of the most safe, friendly, and fun events in Asia....

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