

Press Release

“2025 SJM Macao International Dragon Boat Races” Wrap Up with Strong Performances and Festive Spirit

(Macao, 31 May 2025) The “2025 SJM Macao International Dragon Boat Races,” co-organised by the Sports Bureau of the Macao SAR Government, SJM Resorts, S.A. (“SJM”), and the Dragon Boat Association of Macao, China, concluded today on a high note after three days of exciting competition and community festivities. Held on 24, 25 and 31 May at the Nam Van Lake Nautical Centre, the event featured thrilling races across various categories, bringing together top teams from Mainland China, Hong Kong, Thailand, Singapore, the Philippines, Malaysia, and Egypt.

SJM fielded eight teams in this year’s races, with the SJM Golden Jubilee (Standard) team taking first place in the Mixed Category—marking a proud moment for the company. Other SJM teams also delivered strong results across several divisions.

Ms. Daisy Ho, Managing Director of SJM, commented, “I’m incredibly proud of our teams for their strong showing this year. Their discipline, teamwork and determination were on full display, reflecting the core values of unity and resilience that define dragon boat racing—and which resonate deeply with the spirit of Macau and SJM.” She continued, “As a long-standing supporter of the event, SJM has remained committed to promoting the integration of sports and tourism. Events like this bring the city to life in distinctive ways, offering a competitive stage for athletes and a vibrant cultural showcase for visitors while highlighting Macau’s role as the ‘World Centre of Tourism and Leisure’ and a ‘City of Sports’. We will continue to find fresh ways to honour tradition while introducing new and engaging experiences for the community.”

SJM management and nearly 1,100 team members gathered lakeside to cheer on the crews throughout the three-day event, reinforcing the company’s long-standing support for sports development and staff engagement.

Notable results from the SJM teams included:

- Macao Small Dragon Boat Race (200m) – Open Category: Runner-up and Third Place
- Macao Small Dragon Boat Race (200m) – Women’s Category: Third Place and Sixth Place
- Macao Standard Dragon Boat Race (500m) – Open Category: Third Place
- Macao Standard Dragon Boat Race (500m) – Women’s Category: Runner-up
- Macao Standard Dragon Boat Race (500m) – Mixed Category: Champion
- Macao International Invitation Standard Dragon Boat Race (500m) – Open Category: Fourth Place
- Macao International Invitation Standard Dragon Boat Race (500m) – Women’s Category: First Place in B Final

To build excitement ahead of the races, SJM hosted a series of diverse range of activities – from delectable treats and exciting games to creative workshops and exclusive offers – since early May at Hong Kung Temple Square and Kam Pek Market, further livening up the San Ma Lo district. During the race days, the “2025 SJM Macao International

Dragon Boat Races Carnival” at Nam Van Lake Nautical Centre, the White Canopy, and Anim’Arte NAM VAN offered a lively mix of games, cultural performances, and family activities—attracting visitors and tourists and adding a vibrant festive atmosphere alongside the sporting action.

On the evening of the Tuen Ng Festival, a celebration dinner was held at the Macau Tower to mark the event’s success and to celebrate the festive occasion with the participating teams. Distinguished guests included: Mr. Luis Gomes, President of the Sports Bureau of the Macao SAR Government; Ms. Daisy Ho, Managing Director of SJM; and Mr. Lai Pak Ling, Chairman of the Dragon Boat Association of Macao, China. During the dinner, the honoured guests presented souvenirs to each participating team, expressing sincere gratitude for their unwavering support and enthusiastic participation in upholding the tradition of dragon boat racing and contributing to the international event’s success.

Initiatives like these reflect SJM’s ongoing efforts to revitalise Macau’s tourism scene by blending culture, sport and community, and contributing to the city’s role as a “World Centre of Tourism and Leisure.”

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Ms. Daisy Ho, Managing Director of SJM and Ms. Angela Leong, Director of SJM, presented the pennants to winning teams.





Mr. Timothy Fok, Chairman of the Board of Directors of SJM and Ms. Daisy Ho, Managing Director of SJM, presented the prize cheques to winning teams.



SJM management posed for a photo with the SJM dragon boat teams.



SJM dragon boat teams strived for notable results throughout the races.



Dragon boat teams from around the world demonstrated remarkable perseverance and team spirit throughout the races.