

Press Release

## **“2026 SJM Macao International Dragon Boat Races” Concludes Successfully**

*SJM Dragon Boat Team Claims Multiple Championships Across Race Categories*

(Macao, 20 June 2026) The “2026 SJM Macao International Dragon Boat Races,” organised by the Sports Bureau of the Macao SAR Government, SJM Resorts, S.A. and the Dragon Boat Association of Macao, China, concluded yesterday at the Nam Van Lake Nautical Centre. Held over three race days, the event drew leading dragon boat teams from Mainland China, Hong Kong, Thailand, Singapore, and the Philippines to Macau, bringing residents and tourists together for one of the city’s most spirited sporting traditions.

Amid the drums, cheers and close competition along the Nam Van lakefront, the SJM Dragon Boat Team delivered an outstanding performance across multiple divisions. Supported by the SJM cheering squad led by management, the team claimed championship titles in the Macao Small Dragon Boat Race (200m) Open and Women’s categories, as well as the Macao Standard Dragon Boat Race (500m) Open and Mixed categories.

On the evening of the Dragon Boat Festival, participating teams and representatives from the organising units gathered for a celebration dinner at The Grand Hall at Grand Lisboa Palace to mark the festive occasion and celebrate the successful conclusion of the races. During the event, souvenirs were presented to all participating crews as a gesture of appreciation for their continued support in carrying forward the treasured legacy of dragon boat racing.

Ms. Daisy Ho, Managing Director of SJM, remarked, “As a cherished part of Chinese heritage, dragon boat racing brings together culture, sport and community in a way few events can. SJM is proud to continue supporting this landmark occasion, carrying forward a treasured tradition while contributing to Macau’s development as a ‘City of Sports.’ Through ‘Sports + Tourism,’ we hope to create richer experiences for residents and visitors, strengthen community participation, and further enhance Macau’s appeal as a ‘World Centre of Tourism and Leisure.’”

Extending the festival atmosphere beyond the water, SJM also hosted the “2026 SJM Macao International Dragon Boat Races Carnival” at Anim’Arte NAM VAN. The festive marketplace featured more than 20 booths, created in collaboration with local retail and creative SMEs, showcasing limited-edition themed merchandise. Delicate handicrafts by various charitable organisations were also offered, while food lovers enjoyed a spread of authentic local delicacies.

The carnival was further enlivened by interactive booth games, surprise appearances by SJM Mascot “Sam the Rooster” and a grand Dragon Boat Festival-themed parade. Blending the pulse of traditional drumming with contemporary choreography, the parade carried the energy of the races from the lakefront into the neighbourhood. At the heart of the community, SJM also organised the “Intangible Cultural Heritage Flash Fun” event at Hong Kung Temple Square in the San Ma Lo

district, offering residents and tourists a spirited celebration of festival culture, community creativity and local vitality.

**SJM Dragon Boat Team Results:**

Macao Small Dragon Boat Race (200m), Open Category: Champion, First Runner-up and Sixth Place

Macao Small Dragon Boat Race (200m), Women's Category: Champion

Macao Standard Dragon Boat Race (500m), Open Category: Champion and Sixth Place

Macao Standard Dragon Boat Race (500m), Women's Category: First Runner-up

Macao Standard Dragon Boat Race (500m), Mixed Category: Champion

Macao International Invitation Standard Dragon Boat Race (500m), Open Category: Fifth Place in Grand Final and Fourth Place in C Final

Macao International Invitation Standard Dragon Boat Race (500m), Women's Category: Second Place in B Final

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Ms. Daisy Ho, Managing Director of SJM, and Ms. Angela Leong, Director of SJM, celebrate with the SJM Dragon Boat Team following their outstanding medal-winning performance.





Ms. Angela Leong, Director of SJM, presented the pennant to the runner-up of the Macao University Student Invitation Standard Dragon Boat Race (500m).



SJM dragon boat team power across Nam Van Lake with precision and determination.



Ms. Lei Si Leng, Acting President of the Sports Bureau of the Macao SAR Government; Mr. Timothy Fok, Chairman of the Board of Directors of SJM; Mr. Vong Ka Hou, President of the Dragon Boat Association of Macao, China; and other distinguished officiating guests gather for a group photo with team representatives at the celebration dinner after a great race day.



The Dragon Boat Festival-themed parade brings festive vibes to the “2026 SJM Macao International Dragon Boat Races Carnival,” reaching the hype of the day!