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**With photos**

## **Manulife celebrates two decades of walking for millions**

**Hong Kong** — A significant landmark was reached recently in Manulife’s charitable history: the company celebrated its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of participating in the Community Chest’s “Walk for Millions”.

More than 4,000 agents, employees, family and friends turned out at Hong Kong Stadium on a sunny Sunday morning to traverse the 10km route to Aberdeen Country Park Visitors’ Centre via Wong Nai Chung Gap Road, Black’s Link and Aberdeen Reservoir Road.

Some of them acted as cheer-leaders, dressed in smart green company wind-breakers and waving and banging plastic “pong-pong” sticks, as a team of senior management and agency leaders put on a motivational display of flag-twirling at the start of the walk. When they reached the halfway point of the hike, the same team was there to meet them dressed as chefs and ready to dole out much-needed refreshments.

The 20<sup>th</sup> Walk brought the total of donations raised by Manulife over the last two decades to more than HK\$14 million, which have gone to help support the 23 social-welfare agencies that operate under the Chest’s umbrella, providing family and child-welfare services for those in need.

“The Walk for Millions is one of our cornerstone charitable initiatives, supported by Manulifers in Hong Kong for so many years in terms of both fund-raising and active participation on the event day,” said Michael Huddart, Manulife’s Executive Vice President and General Manager, Greater China. “Not only is it a fine, all-embracing cause, but participants regard the experience as a fun day out in the fresh air and a chance to show our corporate solidarity. Such concern for others is bred in the bone at Manulife and many people are attracted to work for us precisely because of this.”

His remarks were echoed by Steve Chiu, Chairman of the Manulife’s Walk for Millions Organizing Committee, who said: “The Walk is one of our most anticipated CSR events and we never have a problem signing up volunteers. You could tell from the fun-filled atmosphere and the frenzy of photo-taking how much everyone enjoyed themselves. We look forward to the Walk next year!”



**Photos:**



Led by Robert A. Cook, President and Chief Executive Officer, Manulife Asia (3<sup>rd</sup> from left in the second row) and Michael Huddart, Manulife's Executive Vice President and General Manager for Greater China (4th from left in the second row), more than 4,000 agents, employees, their friends and family joined the Walk and raised funds for the Community Chest.



Robert A. Cook, President and Chief Executive Officer, Manulife Asia and Michael Huddart, Manulife's Executive Vice President and General Manager for Greater China served food and drinks to the participants at the midway point.



Participants enjoyed the walk on a sunny Sunday morning.



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