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MESSAGE FROM ACF PRESIDENT

It gives me great pleasure, on my own behalf and on behalf of the Board of the Asian Chess Federation, to warmly welcome all players, arbiters, officials, delegates, and distinguished guests from across our continent to the Asian Rapid & Blitz Chess Championships 2026, proudly hosted in Hong Kong by the Hong Kong China Chess Federation, with the generous support of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.



This championship represents one of the most significant events on the Asian Chess Federation's calendar and reflects the remarkable progress and growing strength of Asian chess. Our continent is home to many of the world's finest players, as well as a new generation of talented young athletes who will shape the future of our sport.

The Asian Chess Federation firmly believes that sport is far more than competition for titles. It is a powerful platform for bringing people together, strengthening friendship and mutual respect, celebrating cultural diversity, and promoting the values of fair play, integrity, and excellence. These principles remain at the heart of every championship and initiative organized by our Federation.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Hong Kong China Chess Federation, the Organizing Committee, the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, all supporting partners, sponsors, volunteers, and everyone whose dedication and hard work have made this prestigious continental championship possible.

I also wish every participant the very best of success. May this championship showcase chess of the highest standard, inspire memorable performances, and further strengthen the bonds of friendship and cooperation among the Asian chess family.

Welcome to Hong Kong. I wish you an enjoyable stay and a successful championship filled with outstanding competition, lasting friendships, and unforgettable memories.

***His Highness Sheikh Sultan bin
Khalifa bin Sultan bin
Shakhboub Al Nahyan***

President
Asian Chess Federation

MESSAGE FROM ACF GENERAL SECRETARY

It is my great pleasure to welcome all players, officials, arbiters, delegates, and chess enthusiasts to the Asian Rapid & Blitz Chess Championships 2026, hosted in the vibrant and dynamic city of Hong Kong. This year's edition is especially significant, as it marks the inaugural standalone edition of the Asian Rapid & Blitz Championships, representing an exciting new chapter in the development of chess across our continent.



Hong Kong has long established itself as one of Asia's premier destinations for hosting international sporting events. Its outstanding infrastructure, exceptional organizational capabilities, and commitment to excellence have consistently delivered world-class championships. I have always admired the professionalism, precision, and hospitality demonstrated in events organized here, and I am confident that this championship will continue that proud tradition.

Rapid and Blitz chess have become two of the most exciting formats in modern chess. Their fast pace, dynamic nature, and unpredictable moments create a unique atmosphere that captivates players and spectators alike. Every move matters, every second counts, and the excitement extends far beyond the playing hall, engaging millions of chess fans around the world who eagerly follow these thrilling competitions.

On behalf of the Asian Chess Federation, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Hong Kong China Chess Federation for its outstanding efforts in organizing this prestigious championship.

I would also like to extend my special thanks to our dear friends Mr. Geoffrey Kao, Honorary President of the Hong Kong China Chess Federation, whose vision and unwavering support have played a significant role in the growth of chess in Hong Kong, and Mr. K.K. Chan, President of the Hong Kong China Chess Federation, for his leadership, dedication, and commitment to delivering an event of the highest international standards.

Finally, I wish all participating players every success in their pursuit of excellence and memorable achievements. My sincere appreciation also goes to the entire organizing team, the arbiters, volunteers, and officials. I am confident that, through your passion and professionalism, this inaugural championship will become an exceptional benchmark and set a new standard for future editions of the Asian Rapid & Blitz Chess Championships.

I wish everyone an enjoyable stay in Hong Kong and a championship filled with outstanding chess, friendship, and unforgettable memories.

Hisham Al-Taher
General Secretary
Asian Chess Federation

MESSAGE FROM HKCCF

Hong Kong is a city that thinks quickly. Decisions here are made in minutes, not months; our streets, our markets, and our people all move at pace. Perhaps that is why rapid and blitz chess feel so at home here. A format that rewards sharp calculation under ticking clocks could hardly have found a more fitting host than this city-and it is my privilege to welcome Asia's finest players to the first standalone Asian Rapid & Blitz Chess Championships.



That the Asian Chess Federation entrusted Hong Kong with this debut means a great deal to us. A decade ago, few would have placed our city on the map of Asian chess. Today the picture looks very different. We fielded our first complete squad at the Hangzhou Asian Games in 2023, brought a full delegation to the National Games the following year, and this June stood alongside FIDE as the World Team Rapid and Blitz Championships came to East Asia for the first time-with Hong Kong players at the boards, measuring themselves against the strongest in the game.

None of this was inevitable. It grew from a conviction that a city does not need a long chess tradition to serve the game well-it needs ambition, organisation, and a genuine welcome. Those we have in abundance. And each event we host plants something in the minds of the children who come to watch: the quiet thought that the player behind the board could, someday, be them.

I thank Secretary General Hisham Al Taher and the Asian Chess Federation for their confidence in us; Mr. Geoffrey Kao, our Honorary President, whose steady hand has guided chess in Hong Kong for many years; and the arbiters, volunteers, and organising team whose work fills every corner of this Championship.

To our guests from across the continent: may your games be sharp, your clocks kind, and your memories of Hong Kong lasting ones. The board is set. Let us begin.

KK Chan

President

Hong Kong China Chess Federation

LIST OF OFFICIALS

Tournament Director/Chief Arbiter

Chan, KK 

Organizing Committee Chairman

Geoffrey Edward Kao 

Shen Chenyi 

Appeals Committee

Chairman

Hisham Al-Taher 

Member /Technical Delegate

Bharat Singh 

Member

Sahapol Nakvanich 

Deputy Chief Arbiter

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Thiagarajoo, Kumaressan 

Arbiters

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Nisban Jasmin 

Perichiappan Kannappan 

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Mohd Asri, Mohd Nurul Izani 

Ishak, Mohd Rizal 

EVENT SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	TIME	PROGRAMME
28th July	Tue	13:30 14:00 to 20:00	PLAYERS' MEETING RAPID ROUNDS 1 TO 5
29th July	Wed	10:00 to 13:30 15:00 to 18:30	RAPID ROUNDS 6 TO 8 LUNCH BREAK RAPID ROUNDS 9 TO 11
30th July	Thur	10:00 to 13:00 14:00 to 17:30 18:00	BLITZ ROUNDS-1 TO 6 LUNCH BREAK BLITZ ROUNDS-7 TO 13 CLOSING CEREMONY

PRIZE BREAKDOWN

ASIAN RAPID CHAMPIONSHIPS

		▶ MEN ◀	▶ WOMEN ◀
	1 ST	HKD 40,000	HKD 20,000
	2 ND	HKD 20,000	HKD 10,000
	3 RD	HKD 10,000	HKD 5,000
	4 TH	HKD 8,000	HKD 4,000
	5 TH	HKD 6,000	HKD 3,000
	6 TH	HKD 5,000	HKD 2,000
	7 TH	HKD 4,000	HKD 2,000
	8 TH	HKD 3,000	HKD 2,000
	9 TH -10 TH	HKD 2,000	HKD 1,000



ASIAN BLITZ CHAMPIONSHIPS

		► MEN ◀	► WOMEN ◀
	1 ST	HKD 26,000	HKD 13,000
	2 ND	HKD 13,000	HKD 6,500
	3 RD	HKD 6,500	HKD 3,500
	4 TH	HKD 5,500	HKD 3,000
	5 TH	HKD 4,000	HKD 2,000
	6 TH	HKD 3,500	HKD 1,500
	7 TH	HKD 3,000	HKD 1,200
	8 TH	HKD 2,000	HKD 1,200
	9 TH -10 TH	HKD 1,500	HKD 800



PLAYER REMINDER

Welcome to the Asian Rapid and Blitz Chess Championships 2026. To ensure a smooth and enjoyable experience for all participants, please take note of the following important reminders.

TECHNICAL MEETING



To help all participants better understand the details of the tournament, Technical Meeting is scheduled on July 28, 1:30pm. All participants must attend the meeting in the main arena. Please arrive 15 mins early.

NAME BADGE



All participants are required to wear a name badge when accessing the field at all times.

PHOTOGRAPHY NOTICE



The Organizing Committee holds the right to capture and record all event activities. By entering the venue, you grant the Committee permission to use your likeness in photographs and videos for promotional, archival, and commercial purposes.

ENTRY AND EXIT GUIDELINES



Please arrive at the competition venue 30 minutes before the start of each game. Please note that re-entry is not permitted after leaving the stadium.



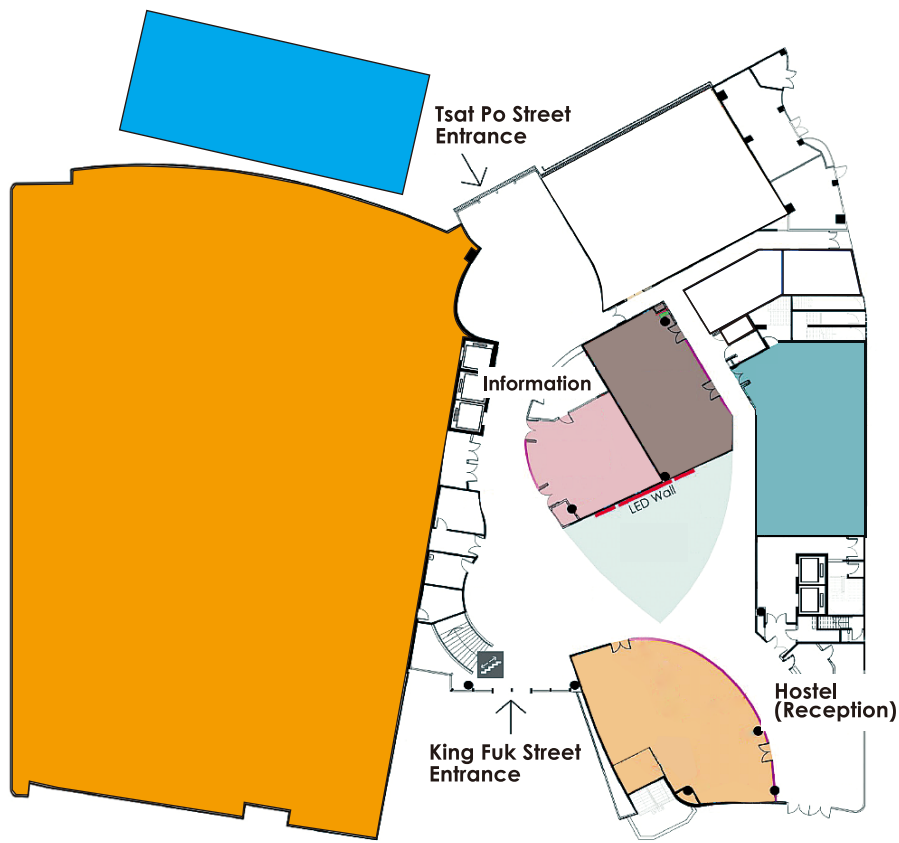
ELECTRONIC DEVICES

All electronic devices, watch, and personal backpacks must be surrendered before the start of the each game.



Announcements will be made on whatsapp, wechat, facebook and chess-results.

VENUE FLOORPLAN



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|  Playing Hall |  Analysis Room A |
|  Reception and Storage Area |  Analysis Room B |
|  TungPo Cafe |  Analysis Room C |

VENUE SURROUNDINGS

Tournament Venue

TUNGPO, HONG KONG

No.2, Tsat Po Street, San Po Kong,
Wong Tai Sin, Kowloon



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Kowloon Motor Bus
18M, 37M, 73



MTR

Diamond Hill MTR Exit A2

Kai Tak MTR Exit B



Getting to the Airport

MTR



- From Kai Tak, take the MTR train to Central Station. Then, follow the signs to Hong Kong Station and hop on the Airport Express to the airport.

Mikiki, designed for young consumers, sits at the doorstep of Kai Tak Metropolis in southeast Kowloon with the Shatin to Central Link offering convenient access to the mall. The three-storey Mikiki houses nearly 100 stylish retailers and dining outlets with diverse entertainment and leisure facilities.

- **Yakiniku Like**, first launched in 2019, is a fast-serving Japanese BBQ restaurant offering various premium meats at an affordable price.
- **Tapas Brew** feature rustic Spanish-inspired design elements to evoke a warm and inviting atmosphere. Specialising in Spanish cuisine and committed to concocting unique flavours, Tapas Brew's signature dishes include roasted suckling pig, seafood paella and tapas. Go on a delicious tasting journey through Spain at Tapas Brew.



YAKINIKU LIKE



TAPAS BREW

1

Genki Sushi

PH Eve 11:30-22:30, Sat-Sun 11:00-22:30
Location: 105

2

Gyu-Kaku Japanese Yakiniku Restaurant

12:00-23:00 (Last Order: 22:30)
Location: 120

3

Saizeriya Italian Restaurant

11:00-22:30 (Last Order: 22:00)
Location: 118

4

Men Wah Bing Teng

7:00-21:30
Location: G35

5

Teawood & On Kim Pot Rice

11:00-22:00
Location: 119

6

Ebisoba Ichigen

11:00-22:00 (Last Order: 21:30)
Location: 118A

7

Heartful Veggie

11:30-22:00
Location: 107

8

Plato Cafe & Bistro

Mon-Fri 11:30-22:00, Sat-Sun 11:00-22:00
Location: 116

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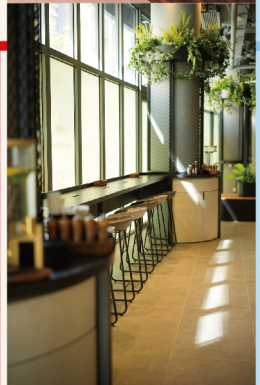


東蒲餐廳 TungPo Cafe

東蒲餐廳位於東蒲地下，佔地逾330平方米，擁有約80個舒適座位。餐廳的設計融合了新蒲崗社區的工業風元素與文青清新風格，讓您在經典與現代之間穿梭，另特設貴賓室及寵物友善空間。此外，餐廳提供包場及到會餐飲服務，詳情可向我們查詢。

TungPo Cafe is located on the ground floor of TungPo, spanning over 330 square meters with approximately 80 comfortable seats.

The restaurant's design blends with industrial elements from the San Po Kong community with a fresh, artistic style, allowing you to navigate between classic and modern aesthetics. It also includes a VIP room and a pet-friendly space. Additionally, the restaurant offers private dining and catering services; for more details, please feel free to inquire with us.



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