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**Betreff:** Announcement: Gay Games Hong Kong 2023 in Discussions with Guadalajara, Mexico to Co-host 11th Games



Kung Hei Fat Choi! On behalf of the Gay Games 11 Hong Kong 2023 (GGHK) team, we wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous Year of the Tiger. Thank you for your continued support of GGHK, the historic first Gay Games in Asia. As we continue in our preparations for November 2023, we are incredibly grateful to all our supporters, community partners, sponsors and volunteers for their ongoing encouragement, belief and backing; despite the many challenges which have arisen, we remain steadfast in our commitment to deliver the most inclusive and diverse Gay Games in its 40-year history.

Guided by that principle, we wanted to inform you that GGHK — along with the Federation of Gay Games (FGG) — are in discussions with Guadalajara, Mexico, a finalist for the 2022 and 2026 Gay Games, to be a co-host of the November 2023 Gay Games.

Faced with continued challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic and the uncertain trajectory of the virus, GGHK recently proposed the groundbreaking concept of a two events-as-one to the FGG. In the true spirit of “Unity in Diversity,” we wanted to ensure that Gay Games 11 can be accessible to participants across two locations and meet our aim of being as inclusive as possible. We are immensely proud to host the first Gay Games in Asia, and are further energised by the prospect of the first Latin American Games bringing the Gay Games values of “Participation, Inclusion and Personal Best™” to two fast-growing regions.

The dates for the Hong Kong Games will remain the same, 3-11 November 2023. Due to the unprecedented nature of this co-hosted concept, we are working in close partnership with the FGG and Guadalajara Organizing Committee to define the exact construct and work out the multitude of logistics necessary to ensure a seamless and positive experience for all.

The exact programme in each location is still to be defined, and we will share additional details as soon as they become available. For the latest up-to-date information or if you have any

questions about Gay Games 11, please visit our website [here](#) or contact our [Customer Experience Team](#).



Alongside today's announcement we also introduced our newly restructured leadership team. With our postponement to November 2023, the GGHK leadership team has been reorganised to accommodate the new timeframe; comprising new members as well as GGHK veterans, the "Road to 2023" team brings a blend of new perspectives, professional experience and fresh energy to ensure the organisation has the necessary resources to successfully deliver the Games in 2023. We are immensely grateful for the leadership and vision of GGHK's founder, Dennis Philipse, who is stepping down as full-time co-chair to take on the role of special advisor to GGHK; through the organisation he has built alongside co-chair, Lisa Lam, we are confident to be able to realize his vision.

As we continue on this journey, we look to channel the true spirit of Hong Kong, where the amazing resilience, resourcefulness and dedication of its people shine through even in the most difficult of circumstances. Though we sail into uncharted waters, we will persevere and do our utmost to make sure that the community in Hong Kong, Asia and the world can experience a

Gay Games like no other and truly celebrate our “Unity in Diversity.” We thank you for your invaluable support and hope for your continued engagement as we adapt and remain agile on our mission during these unprecedented times.

We look forward to sharing more details of this groundbreaking event and to making history together in 2023!

Sincerely,

Gay Games 11 Hong Kong 2023 Team

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