



# 中國香港冰球總會

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### **Hong Kong, China Won the First Gold for U18 Men's Ice Hockey in World Championship**

HKIHA is proud to announce that Hong Kong, China's U18 Men's Ice Hockey has won its first Gold Medal at the World Championship after participating in the 2024 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship, Division III Group B which took place in Cape Town, South Africa from March 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Participating teams included Hong Kong (China), South Africa, Turkmenistan and Thailand.

On the first day of the tournament on 4 March 2024, Team Hong Kong, China (“**Team HK**”) had a strong start by beating South Africa by a wide margin at 11:1. Team HK continued to play strong in their second game against Turkmenistan by winning 8:3.

The morale of Team HK was strong after winning two games.

The last game against Thailand was intensely close up until the end of the game where Team HK lost 1:3 with empty netter goal by Thailand.

All 3 teams (Team HK, Turkmenistan and Thailand) had the same points in the standing. In view of the tied standing, the difference between goals scored and goals allowed was used as the tiebreaker criteria. Hong Kong with the highest goal differential of 13 came in first and won the World Championship, Division III Group B. This is the first gold for Hong Kong U18 Ice Hockey. U18 Team HK will be qualified for Division III, Group A next year

In this tournament, two athletes of Team HK received individual awards – Mr. KUT Man Hin was named Best Defender of the Tournament and Mr. GAN Michael XY Kam was named the Best Goalkeeper of the Tournament.

Team HK will depart Cape Town, South Africa today and arrive in Hong Kong tomorrow night.

HKIHA extend its warmest congratulations to the players and team staff members of Team HK as we welcome them home.

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