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# The Asia Pacific Trail Running Championships Results and Round-Up

After three days of trail running competition, camaraderie, and community, the inaugural Asia Pacific Trail Running Championships medal ceremony took place on Saturday night at the Yeongnam Alps Welcome Center in Ulju, South Korea.



Jey Jang, Chief Executive of JSCENO, the organiser of Ulju Trail Nine Peaks, the trail race hosting the APTRC, opened the ceremony. She expressed warm words of gratitude to the athletes, the volunteers, the Ulju government and the International Trail Running Association for bringing the championships to life – a project which has been 2 years in the making.

The medal ceremonies of the U23 race, the Short Trail race and the Long Trail race were held for individuals and teams with national anthems played and flags raised for each individual winner. These were emotional moments for athletes who were proud, relieved and joyful at their success – rewarding all the dedication and hard work required for a trail runner to compete at this international level.



After the medal ceremonies for the races, the overall team trophies were also awarded with Japan in 1<sup>st</sup> place, the Philippines as runner up and Hong Kong, China in third. This was followed by a photo on stage of every athlete who participated in the Championships

- a chance to take the stage and enjoy a moment in the limelight, to raucous applause and appreciation of an audience in awe of the athletes' performances at the Championships.

Janet Ng, the President of the International Trail Running Association, spoke of the warmth of the welcome from the people of Ulju and the amazing show put on by the athletes: "The APTRC has set a new benchmark for competitive trail running in our region. To all the podium winners, congratulations on your remarkable performances. But today I want to recognise everyone here. Each of you came to the APTRC with determination and fire and you made history for the sport we all love. Your energy, talent and grit have shown the world what trail running is about. Thank you for believing in the APTRC dream and for helping to build something together which is bigger than each of us!".

The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the APTRC will take place in 2026. Every elite athlete in Asia-Pacific will be determined to be part of it.

# **Race Results**

#### U23 Women

1	01:52:40	Manning	Zoe	AUS
2	02:12:05	Watabe	Kasuga	JPN
3	02:12:19	Lam	Tin Ching	HKG

#### U23 Men

1	01:32:13	Lo	Lok Yin	HKG
2	01:35:12	Penck	Ethan	AUS
3	01:36:58	Lang	Тоby	AUS

#### Short Trail Women

1	04:36:25	Takamura	Takako	JPN
2	04:41:23	Rai	Priya	NEP
3	04:53:08	Akiyama	Honoka	JPN

#### Short Trail Men

1	03:47:44	Onifa	John Ray	PHI
2	03:49:13	Ogasawara	Koken	JPN
3	04:00:58	Turner	Blake	AUS

#### Long Trail Women

1	08:27:00	Xiang	Fuzhao	CHN	
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2	08:36:19	На	Thi Hau	VNM
3	08:57:36	Yoshizumi	Yuri	JPN

#### Long Trail Men

1	07:37:03	Qi	Min	CHN
2	07:40:09	Kai	Hiroki	JPN
3	07:44:50	Dimuantes	Michael	AUS

# **Overall Championship Cup**

1	JAPAN	total points	864
2	PHILIPPINES	total points	805
3	HONG KONG, CHINA	total points	795
4	AUSTRALIA	total points	754
5	KOREA	total points	746

### **APTRC Race Distances**

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## **APTRC Runners**

200 athletes from 19 countries / regions are competing. Here is the **start-list**: <u>https://aptrc2024.com/ListofAthletes</u>

#### Following the APTRC

The Short Trail Race and Long Trail Race will be live-streamed. The details of the live stream, along with the GPS tracker, are on the <u>APTRC website</u>.

All the action will be on the APTRC's **Instagram** and **Facebook** accounts throughout the event week and beyond. Also, check out ITRA's **Instagram** accounts so that you don't miss a thing as trail running history is made!

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## About APTRC – The Asia Pacific Trail Running Championships

The inaugural edition of the Asia Pacific Trail Running Championship (APTRC) will be held in the breathtaking landscapes of Ulju-gun, Ulsan City, South Korea, from 23-26 October, 2024. The APTRC will showcase APAC's top trail runners competing in individual and country/region categories covering distances of 40 km and 80 km. There will also be a U23 category with a distance of 15 km.

## About ITRA – the International Trail Running Association

Founded in 2013, ITRA (the International Trail Running Association) represents around 300,000 athletes and 6,000 event organizer members in over 160 countries. ITRA is the leading reference organization for trail running globally, providing services to individual trail runners and trail running organizations, as well as international leadership for the sport. For more information about ITRA please visit our website www.itra.run.

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# Previous race-specific press releases:

Short Course <u>Press Release</u> U23 Course <u>Press Release</u> Long Course <u>Press Release</u>

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