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ERNEST K. KEBENEI CLOCKS 2:10:55 TO WIN THE 42KM RACE IN THE MEN'S CATEGORY WHILE KAIRE TOROITICH MARGARET CLOCKS 2:30:18 TO TAKE THE WOMEN'S RACE DURING THE STANDARD CHARTERED NAIROBI MARATHON

30th October 2011 – Out of the 685 participants registered for the 42km full marathon that has taken place at Nyayo Stadium today in the Standard Chartered Bank Nairobi Marathon, 69 of them were female while 589 were male.

The runners started off by warming up in preparation of the gruelling distance before assembling at 6.30am on Uhuru Highway between Bunyala and Lusaka Rd Roundabouts, behind the wheel chair assembly area before setting off at exactly 7.00 am.

The route for the 42km race was the same as last year weaving through the city as it took the runners on a tour of the City of Nairobi passing through Uhuru Highway, Uhuru park, University Way Roundabout, Kenyatta Avenue, Harambee Avenue, Haile Selassie Rd and back past the Nyayo Stadium.

The runners then proceeded to do the Mombasa Road loop which took them down the Mombasa road, and continued straight on past the Half Marathon turning point to Enterprise Rd crossing over to one side of the dual carriageway, and continued straight on until the turn off on the Airport North Road (City Cabanas). They then returned to Lusaka Rd Roundabout to start a second passage of the Mombasa Road loop. On completion of the second Mombasa Road loop at the Lusaka Rd Roundabout, the full marathon runners turned into Langata Rd on route to enter Nyayo Stadium through Gate 2 and circumnavigated the track to finish opposite the VIP dais in the main stand.

Kebenei ran to the finish line amidst jubilation and cheering to complete the 42 km men's race in 2:10:55 while Toroitich Margaret went ahead to break last year's record by crossing the finish line in 2:30:18 to take the women's top prize. Last year's 42km race was won by David Barmaasai who finished the race in 02:10:31 while the women's 42km race was won by Hellena Kiprop who walked away with the top prize last year after clocking 2:31:11. The women's performance this year has been equally impressive.

The results for the top 10 winners of the 42km full marathon in both the men and women's categories are as follows:

42.195 Km MEN Nairobi Marathon results				
Position	Race No.	Name	Race Time	Prize money
1	395	Ernest K. Kebenei	2:10:55	1,500,000
2	549	Franklin Chepkwony	2:11:00	650,000
3	567	Simon Termoi	2:11:05	350,000
4	326	Koech Matthew K.	2:11:55	150,000
5	392	Francis Kebil K.	2:11:58	100,000
6	739	Maiyo Linus	2:11:59	50,000
7	228	Lokeyok Ekay	2:12:03	40,000
8	331	Sitienei K. Peter	2:12:12	30,000
9	235	Onchoke Vincent	2:12:22	20,000
10	258	James Cheruiyot	2:12:23	10,000
Total prize money				5,800,000

42.195 Km WOMEN Marathon Results				
Position	Race No	Name	RaceTime	Prize money
1	1001	Kaire Toroitich Margaret	2:30:18	1,500,000
2	1002	Kwamboka Winifidah Nyansikera	2:31:54	650,000
3	1050	Emily Perpetua Chepkorir	2:32:31	350,000
4	1276	Beatrice Jepkemoi	2.32.58	150,000
5	1182	Grace Kitonga Wayua	2.34.04	100,000
6	1181	Rose Kerubo Nyangacha	2.34.22	50,000
7	1066	Waithaka Nyambura	2.38.21	40,000
8	1051	Joan Rotich	2.41.43	30,000
9	1048	Komen Carolyne	2.42.36	20,000
10	1135	Jane jerop Barten	2.45.51	10,000
Total prize pool				5,800,000

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ABOUT THE STANDARD CHARTERED NAIROBI MARATHON

The Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon was first held in 2003 and the inaugural race had 6,000 registered runners. It was the first major marathon in the country and over the years, it has grown to be the largest sporting event in Kenya attracting approximately 15,000 every year.

From a humble beginning back in 2003, the marathon has marked major milestones fully achieving its objectives as set on the onset. The following were the key objectives of the marathon:

- **Raise the profile of Kenya internationally**
- **Help identify and provide opportunity for the local athletic talent to excel**
- **Help boost tourism to Kenya**
- **Create a community event for everyone's enjoyment**
- **Raise funds for the needy in the community i.e. our Seeing Is Believing community initiative.**

Since 2003, Athletics Kenya - the organizers and the official sponsors - Standard Chartered Bank, have raised the bar of the Nairobi Marathon making it the only athletics event on the calendar of the IAAF. The marathon is fully accredited by IAAF and complies with their rules to the highest level including having timing capabilities that are as good as any other international marathon.

The marathon has since its inception attracted tremendous media interest from across the world which has seen the event broadcasted around Africa on DSTV SuperSport and other international news channels as well as in the local media. This has put Kenya on the world map, profiling Nairobi as a city in the sun and promoting the country as a tourist destination, while marketing Kenyans prowess in this great sport.

In addition, the marathon has given young and upcoming athletes a perfect platform to launch their athletics careers at home.

In the initial six years, over KShs.30 million was raised from the marathon and was used to support Seeing is Believing initiatives in Kenya. In 2010 we managed to raise Kshs.16 million and this year the target is to raise Kshs.20 million.

The funds raised in the first year i.e. 2003, were used to fund 60 cataract operations for children under five at Kikuyu Eye Hospital. Right now we are doing over 800 surgeries on children under the age of nine across the country.

Over the years, the marathon has been supported by partners and friends like; Hilton Hotel, Capital FM, Majestic Printers, AAR, Bio foods, Alpine Waters, Kenya Data Networks, SuperSports, Subaru, Athletic Kenya and Nairobi City Council.

The staff of the bank have also greatly contributed to the momentum of the marathon as over 1,000 Standard Chartered Bank staff have volunteered by taking part in the run.

The marathon also currently boasts of a consolidated road route criss-crossing from the City Centre-Uhuru Highway-Mombasa and has maintained six distinct races which include;

1. Full Marathon (42 KM) road race for men and women
2. Half Marathon (21KM) road race for men and women
3. 10KM road race for men and women
4. Tricycle race (42KM)
5. Wheelchair race (21KM)
6. 5KM Family Fun Run

The Nairobi Marathon has indeed taken our athletics heritage to another level. As an international meet, the push is always to raise the standard higher. The Nairobi Marathon has positioned the country as the real home of athletics.