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Good people, good deeds

Recently, the catastrophic blaze in Tai Po took people's lives ruthlessly, including sacrifice of the firefighter – Ho Wai-ho. Although the blaze at Wang Fuk Court is indeed unfortunate, a lot of firefighters and volunteers throw themselves into the fire-fighting work. A touching incident happened at the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon showed us that the sacrifice of firefighters and first responders will be engraved on people's heart forever.

Among the thousands of runners lining up, a group in blue shirts stood together quietly. Their shirts printed by a single race number, one that didn't belong to any of them; it belonged to their 'brother', the firefighter who sacrificed in the Tai Po blaze. He had prepared for this day for a very long time. Now, his colleagues were there to run for him, to complete the 21 kilometres on his behalf.

Along the route, spectators who had learned their story through news reports held up signs to supporting them. Some simply applauded with tears in their eyes. For these runners, every step was heavy with memory, yet lifted by a shared purpose. They spoke little, but the weight of their mission was clear in their synchronised strides and determined faces.

Crossing the finish line together, the firefighters raised a doll made to resemble late firefighter Ho Wai-ho. It reveals the profound bond within the fire service department, and shows how ordinary people perform extraordinary deeds through unity. It teaches us that the true marathon does not run on roads, but in the relentless human spirit of carrying on for one another.