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SINGAPORE MARATHON CERTIFICATE & PHOTOS by Jamie Pang

Finally the chapter on the 2003 Singapore Marathon can be closed, and hopes are renewed for the next one

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It has been a month and a day after my debut at the marathon distance. Not a single week passed by without me wondering when I would receive the photos I ordered via [marathon-photos.com](#) (paid a hefty sum for it too, but then memories are priceless) and when my finisher's certificate will end up in my mailbox.

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After many false alarms, with me usually discovering bills in my mailbox instead of the anticipated Singapore postmarked envelopes, the photos were the first to arrive (approximately 2 weeks after I ordered). I had it mailed to the office, so it was all the more surprising when the package was handed over to me. However instead of the expected Singapore postmark, it was from the Land of [Lord of The Rings](#) - New Zealand!

I tore into the contents greedily and was impressed with the packing. Sandwiched between 3 hardboards were my 2 enlarged photos and 2 (of which 1 comes free) A4-sized laminated stat-mounted photo with race statistics, and of course a receipt from my online order. All the items were in excellent condition. I showed the photos to my colleague who is into digital photography and he remarked on how good the image quality is - no aberration nor pixelation. In short, certainly worth the money I spent.



From left: The photo order sheet, the cert with the chip time, my 2 enlarged shots and the laminated stats with a smaller photo

And today, I received the certificate and not surprisingly it was bent on one corner, as you can see from the photo on top. The piece looks simple, with the marathon logo on the top right corner and the Standard Chartered colours at the bottom. And it came with a photo order sheet with thumbnails of my photos on it - a cross-sell attempt by the organizer in case I hadn't ordered any.

So what am I going to do with the whole lot? I intend to bring all these back to Penang (my uncle is a framemaker) and have them framed up together with my race bib. Hopefully this year's race will have even better and fonder memories.

The journey continues...
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