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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

On behalf of Hong Kong China Rugby (HKCR), I would like to extend a warm welcome to everyone gathered here today for the 56th New Year's Day Youth Rugby Tournament. This tournament is always one of the highlights of our rugby calendar and serves as an exciting way to kick off the New Year.

During the past twelve months we have seen some remarkable by performances our representative teams and match officials, in particular the historic Gold and Bronze medals which our Men's and Women's Sevens teams brought back from the Hangzhou Asian Games. The Men's Sevens also team retained their Asia Rugby Sevens Series title and were recognized as the Team of the Year at the Cathay Sports Star Awards.

It was also excellent to see both our Men's and Women's

Fifteens teams back in action throughout the year, with the Men's team winning the Asia Rugby Championship for the fourth time, as well as securing two excellent victories against Germany in November. The Women's team also posted a win in a one off international against Colombia in October.

I am also delighted to be able to congratulate our U19 men's team for their recent retention of the Asia Rugby U19 Championship, which brings with it qualification for their 8th World Rugby U20 Trophy, a proud record indeed.

Meanwhile our referees have been appointed to both the World Rugby Sevens Series and the associated Challenger Series, and Craig Chan blew the Asian Games Women's Final, a great accolade.



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Looking ahead, we eagerly anticipate the Olympic Rugby Sevens Repechage Tournament in June in Monaco, where our Men's and Women's teams will be battling for the last elusive slot at the Paris Olympic Games, while closer to home this will be the final Cathay/HSBC Hong Kong Sevens to be held at our beloved Hong Kong Stadium before the tournament moves to the new state-of-the-art Kai Tak Sports Park in 2025. During the event, Hong Kong China will participate in a new exciting Fast 3 invitational competition for the Melrose Shield; our Men will take on Japan and China, while our Women will be up against China and Thailand in round-robin format spanning all three days.

As we all know, rugby is a team sport, and we certainly have a great team of dedicated people who consistently devote their time, energy, and expertise to support the growth and success

of the game in Hong Kong. My sincerest thanks to all - coaches, players, managers, referees, physiotherapists, first aiders, support staff, committee members and other volunteers - who selflessly contribute to the rugby community in Hong Kong and have made today's Youth Tournament possible.

Our gratitude is also extended to our fantastic tournament partners and supporters, Hysan Development, as well as of course our wonderful hosts not just today but throughout the last five decades, the Hong Kong Football Club.

I wish you all a very healthy, positive and prosperous 2024.





MESSAGE FROM THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS

Welcome to the 56th staging of the HKCR New Year's Day Youth Rugby Tournament at the Hong Kong Football Club!

This tournament holds a special place in our hearts, with its rich history dating back to 1967. Whether you are a regular to the event or joining us for the very first time, we are delighted to have you as part of this incredible tradition. Today, we are back once more in this magnificent setting at Sports Road, witnessing the best of Hong Kong's young rugby talent representing their clubs and schools.

As we gather here today, we are reminded of some of the challenges we faced in the past years due to the travel restrictions caused by the pandemic, however I am pleased to announce that this year's tournament sees an emphatic return of our overseas students, enhancing the competition and

making it even more exciting.

Over 200 players will be competing in 4 exciting games today. To all those youngsters who tried out, whether local or overseas based, thank you and well done on giving it your best shot. For those who made it onto the rosters for the 4 teams today, congratulations and enjoy every moment of this wonderful experience.

A heartfelt gratitude goes out to all the individuals whose hard work and dedication made this tournament possible. I would like to express our appreciation to our tournament partners Hysan Development, and, of course, our hosts, the Hong Kong Football Club, whose unwavering support throughout the last five decades has been invaluable.

I would also like to acknowledge the countless volunteers who selflessly contribute not only today but 12 months of the year to



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our vibrant local rugby community - the coaches, referees, managers, committee members, the teachers and of course the parents.

A special acknowledgement is co-Tournament due my Director Chin Yew Seah and the events team at Hong Kong China Rugby, particularly Adrian Lam and Jimmy Cheung for their tireless efforts behind the scenes. I'd also like to extend my sincere appreciation to Siân Moore, Head of Performance Pathways, for her careful planning and co-ordination of the recruitment and selection for the tournament, never an easy task. Her expertise and dedication have contributed significantly to the success of the event.

A big shout out as well to Lucy Clarke, HKCR Chief of Medical

Services, along with her dedicated team, for ensuring the provision of a safe and enjoyable experience for all participants involved. And of course, Matt Rodden and the Hong Kong Rugby Referees Society, who week-in, week-out support schools and youth rugby in such a dedicated and professional manner.

Now, grab a drink, relax with your family and friends, and immerse yourself in the excitement of watching the future of Hong Kong China rugby unfold before your eyes. Once again, welcome to the HKCR New Year's Day Youth Rugby Tournament, and may this event, like so many before, be filled with unforgettable moments and cherished memories.



Fung Kai Hang
Tournament Director
(HKCR)



Chin Yew Seah
Tournament Director
(HKFC)



THE NEW YEAR'S DAY TOURNAMENT THEN & NOW

The first New Year's Day Youth match kicked off on 1st January 1967, when a Hong Kong side comprised of students from King George V School took on a team of students who were at boarding schools in the UK...This marked the beginning of the enduring Hong Kong vs Overseas rivalry that has become an integral part of our rugby heritage.

Among the notable names on the initial Overseas team sheet was captain Brian Forsgate. His father, Gerry Forsgate, served as the HKCR President for many years, and in his memory, the Forsgate Stand at HKFC bears his name. Brian's son David made an appearance in 1998 was touchingly he when presented with his NYD souvenir tie by his grandfather.

While the UK Schoolboys were the first champions engraved on the Middlesex Cup, the Hong Kong boys swiftly sought revenge in the second edition of the game, with 8 KGV representatives being joined by students from the St George's military school in the victorious 1968 team.

From the start, the Tournament has held a significant place in the rugby calendar, and being selected for one of the teams has been the aspiration of every young player in Hong Kong, a that sentiment remains unchanged to this day. Over the years, many future Hong Kong internationals China have participated, as well as Graeme Morrison, Rob Scott and Tom Williams, who went on to fame with Scotland and England.

The event has evolved since its inception 56 years ago, but what hasn't changed is the magnificent setting of HKFC. As one of Asia's finest sports clubs, HKFC generously welcomes up to 2,000 players, families, and



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friends to this exceptional family day.

The 2024 New Year's Day Tournament holds special significance as it follows several years profoundly impacted by the Covid pandemic. We have been delighted to see great interest from overseas students this time, which helps reinforce the tournament's traditional rivalry and flavour and elevates the level of competition.

The tournament has also given an opportunity for some of the talented young players from the recently established Hysan HKCR Academy to show their skills as they progress through the pathway with the ultimate aspiration of pulling on a Hong Kong China shirt at senior level.

The U16s Ladies will be competing for the Naylor Wright Cup donated by previous Tournament Director

Rob Naylor, whilst the U19 Ladies contest the Lassies Quaich which was presented by long-term supporter of Hong Kong youth rugby Gordon Lamb. The George White Trophy is awarded to the winner of the U16 Boys match, and originates from 1978 when it was donated by George White, a New Zealander who played for and coached Hong Kong Football Club, and also the Hong Kong U21 team.

Traditionally, the final match of the day is the U19s Hong Kong schoolboys Overseas playing for the Middlesex Cup, the trophy that started it all back in 1967. It is believed to have first been presented by the Middlesex Regiment of the British Army, who had a strong wartime connection with Hong Kong. The format has changed a few times down the years, moving from U18 to U19, then to U20 in 2008, and has now returned to U19.



THE NEW YEAR'S DAY TOURNAMENT **THEN & NOW**

The Boys U19 match will also provide an opportunity for Hong Kong China's coaches to identify talented players as they look ahead to next year's World Rugby U20 Trophy, the eighth time we will have participated, and a number of the members of the team that won last month's Asia Rugby U19 Hysan Development. Together, Championship will also be back in action on New Year's Day.

Each year, the Hong Kong rugby forward to this heart-warming

occasion as one highlights of the calendar and a day that provides a wonderful showcase for our aspiring rugby talent. We would like to express our thanks to our hosts HKFC and our

new Youth Community partner, we look forward to another unforgettable New Year's Day Tournament, celebrating the talent, passion, and bright community looks future of Hong Kong rugby.

The tournament this year is comprised of the following matches;

		KO. Time
The Naylor Cup	Girls' U16	12:30
The George White Trophy	Boys' U16	13:50
The Lassies Quaich	Girls' U19	15:10
The Middlesex Cup	Boys' U19	16:40

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Tournament Directors

Kai Hang Fung (HKCR)
Chin Yew Seah (HKFC)

Tournament Organisers

Jimmy Cheung (HKCR)
Adrian Lam (HKCR)

Referee Manager Matthew Rodden (HKCR)

Referees
Aggie Poon
Candace Tang
Carman Man
Michelle Tong
Wah Guo
Leo Chuan
Calvin Au

Wa Kit Chan Mui Thomas

Luciana Guo Morgan White

Thomas Ngan Rowan Turner

Katsu Shichiji Evans Lam

Anthony Li Rick Cao

Brian Wong Daniel Cao

Parris Ho

Jacky Tong

Matt Rodden

Sunny Lee

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The Larry Abel Trophy

2023	Oliver Sinclair	Dragons
2022	Micayla Baltazar	ESF Select
2020	Hayley Cheuk Yiu Lai	Hong Kong
2019	Oliver Pyle	Dragons
2018	Thaddeus Summers	Dragons
2017	Anna Birkett	Dragons
2016	Mark Coebergh	Hong Kong
2015	Xavier Cranwell	Lions
2014	Richard Lewis	Hong Kong
2013	David Tang	Dragons
2012	Oscar Kurten	Overseas
2011	Aiden Bradley	Hong Kong
2010	Natasha Olson-Thorne	Lions
2009	Benjamin Kende	Hong Kong
2008	Nicholas Buckley	Hong Kong
2007	Matthew Ralph	Overseas
2006	Ruarai Farquhar	Lions
2005	Keith Robertson	Island
2004	Keith Robertson	Island
2003	Kevin Lichtenstein	Hong Kong
2002	Jun Tsujimoto	Overseas
2001	Tom McColl	Overseas
2000	Kenzo Pannell	Overseas
1999	Keith Robertson	Hong Kong
1998	Kenzo Pannell	Hong Kong
1997	Mark Egan	Overseas
1996	Karl Hackston	Overseas
1995	Lee Cheuk-yin	Hong Kong
1994	Chan Fuk-ping	Hong Kong



HYSAN AND HKCR JOIN HANDS IN ENHANCING YOUTH RUGBY DEVELOPMENT

With a deep-rooted commitment to sustainability, Hysan Development has actively fostered wellness and community-building through a diverse range of programmes and activities. With a strong belief in the power of sports to shape young minds and foster personal growth, Hysan has taken further steps with Hong Kong China Rugby to nurture the future generation of youth players.

Expanding Engagement Opportunities Across Youth Rugby Sector in Hong Kong

Starting from kindergarten...

Mini Touch Rugby Programme

Primary School

Hysan District Primary School Touch Rugby Tournament

Secondary School

-Hysan Youth RugbyChampionship(Boys and Girls)-Hysan HKCR Academy

Pathway to Become a Rugby Player



Hysan's Mini Touch Rugby Programme

Stepping into our second-year of partnership with Hong Kong China Rugby, we have expanded our projects to help complete the pathway journey for talented young boys and girls in Hong Kong.

In addition to our on-going Championship and Development Camps, we have newly launched the Hysan District Primary School Touch Rugby Tournament in October 2023, which aims to promote the positive values of sport among primary school students across Hong Kong Island, Kowloon and the New Territories. This initiative aims to provide more competition opportunities for primary schools and foster cross-district engagement, and give more youngsters the chance to take part in the annual Hong Kong School Sports Federation competition.



Hysan District Primary School Touch Rugby Tournament

Hysan takes great pride in contributing to the promotion of this global sport in our local schools, and looks forward to seeing the next phase of growth and development of rugby across Hong Kong.



First training block of Hysan HKCR Academy

Alongside offering greater opportunities for more youngsters to get introduced to rugby, we have also addressed the need to help support the ongoing development of existing players.

The recently launched Hysan HKCR Academy offers a comprehensive programme, consisting of three active training blocks for players in the U16 and U19 age groups. It is designed to provide athletes with exposure to a performance environment and focuses on the development of Physical Attributes, Rugby Skills, and Psychological Development. With a focus on identifying, engaging and nurturing talented players based in Hong Kong, this Academy will be a critical part of the pathway of support for our next generation of Hong Kong China representative rugby players.

Follow our social media page to keep up to date with the Lee Gardens Community!

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U16 GIRLS OVERSEAS LIONS

PLAYER

Lee Ching Huen

Harriet Brown

Sarah Shanks

Ella Snelgrove

Tomoe Thiry

Yang Tung Fei

Jullia Segovia Faeyo

Angelica Bazzoni

Anna Chandler

Zoe Blennerhasset

Grace Eathorne

Zoe Schorr

Ester Rigden Green

Holly Terrebrood

Alisa Chelpanova

Maya Ma

Aleena Azarova

Anya Gidumal

Samantha Wilkins

Tse Tsz Wing, Kannes

CLUB/SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY

SCAA Causeway Bay

Valley Fort

Valley Fort

HKU Sandy Bay

Valley Fort

SLC School

Valley Fort

Somerset County

HKU Sandy Bay

HKU Sandy Bay

HKU Sandy Bay

HKU Sandy Bay

Ester Rigden Green

DB Pirates

HKU Sandy Bay

Hong Kong Football Club

DB Pirates

HKU Sandy Bay

HKU Sandy Bay

Gai Wu RFC

Head Coach

Assistant Coach

Assistant Coach

Team Manager

Tafiau Fetalaiga (Valley RFC)

K Wong (Valley RFC)

Ting Ting Chu (Revolution)

Cathy Leung



U16 GIRLS HONG KONG DRAGONS

PLAYER

Hannah Price

Cassandra Skoett

Tsang Pui Ching

Téa Mcmahon

Samantha Jackets

Ng Yuen Ning

Lilly Hill

Lucy Guest

Hanna Rumble

Ngai Sze Wing

Chow Lok Yin Blue

Mimosa Lui

Eleanor Buddle

Li Man Hei

Ahlia Koram

Sara Harries

Bella Quigley

Chu Ling Yi

Tsang Ping Wynne

Summer Wohland

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Valley Fort

HKU Sandy Bay

SCAA Causeway Bay

HKU Sandy Bay

Valley Fort

USRC Tigers

Valley Fort

Hong Kong Football Club

HKU Sandy Bay

DLS School

SCAA Causeway Bay

Valley Fort

DB Pirates

USRC Tigers

HKU Sandy Bay

Hong Kong Football Club

DB Pirates

DLS School

Gai Wu RFC

Valley Fort

Head Coach

Assistant Coach

Assistant Coach

Team Manager

Octavia Nanai-lafeta (HKFC)

LapTing (Gai Wu)

Nicole Yui (Valley RFC)

Lauren Abraham (HKU Sandy Bay)



U16 BOYS OVERSEAS LIONS

PLAYER

Ryo Engeler

Dharuku Jeerasinshe

Zen Engeler

Chiaki Ohara

Michael Perry

Ronin Talwar

Seah Hong Siong Nickolas

Omar Sharif

Noah Brusuelas Mathiesen

Morgan Hanson

Carter Stewart

Caspar Chan

Charlie Tsang

Cooper Glanville

Liam Sebastian Gordon

Kian Falahati

Lee Matthews

Loic Blondeau

Nicolas Ripert

Jonathan Bryant

Ben Bateman

Louis Mclaughlin

Sebby Atkins

Sam Blackburn

Head Coach

Assistant Coach

Assistant Coach

Assistant Coach

Team Manager

CLUB/SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY

Kowloon Barbarians

USRC Tigers

Kowloon Barbarians

HKU Sandy Bay

Wakatipu High School

HZCIS

Anglo Chinese School

HKU Sandy Bay

Sai Kung Stingrays

Kings College

The Scots College

Winsor High School

HKU Sandy Bay

Liam Sebastian Gordon

Saint Peters

Canberra Grammer School

College Jeanne D'arc

Provence Rugby

Kowloon Barbarians

Marlborough College

Hong Kong Football Club

Sai Kung Stingrays

Alex Todd

Thabhiso Mkhwebane (HKU Sandy Bay)

Nick Karton (USRC Tigers)

Dewald Donald Naude

Chin Yew Seah (HKFC)



U16 BOYS HONG KONG DRAGONS

PLAYER

Michael Lee

Wong Siu Long Hugo

Jorge Orihuela Sanz

Michael Song

Kyle Ohya

Zach David Lorilla

Leon Lesek

Otto Wressmark

Lucas Lafontaine

Matthew Mcquae

Oliver More

Noah Reid

Oscar Cheng

Kasra Shroff

Julian Su

Floris Kennes

Oliver Fisher

Joshua Chuchen

Louis Raymond Jambert

Juan Delgado

Zachary Jang

Harvey Walker

Vincent Ching Lai Cheung

Oliver Phillips

Hudson Swemmer

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Kowloon Barbarians

Shatin ShaPei

USRC Tigers

Kowloon Barbarians

USRC Tigers

Kowloon Barbarians

Hong Kong Football Club

Hong Kong Football Club

Sai Kung Stingrays

Sai Kung Stingrays

Shatin Shapei

Sai Kung Stingrays

Hong Kong Football Club

Valley Fort

Sai Kung Stingrays

Valley Fort

HKU Sandy Bay

Valley Fort

USRC Tigers

Valley Fort

USRC Tigers

Hong Kong Football Club

Lancing College

Head Coach Jonathon Mo (HK Scottish)

Assistant Coach Marlize Van Der Merwe (HKU Sandy Bay)

Team Manager Marlize Van Der Merwe (HKU Sandy Bay)



U19 GIRLS OVERSEAS LIONS

PLAYER

Claudia Harrison

Olivia Chui

Vivian Wang

Momoka Watanabe

Ng Yeuk Lam Doraphy

Emily Farrow

Skye Chan

Kyarra Cristelle

Isabel Hay

Lindsey Mulligan

Jade Scrouther

Naomi Peeters

Hayley Lai

Maya Wollin

Christina Rose Seigrist

Emily Hoi-Ching Magner Wade

Kirsty Donovan

Maya Cheung

Tse Lok Lam Joyce

Zanzi Falahati

Min Annika Park

Camille Bastien

Lillyana Graham

Millie Brown

Head Coach

Assistant Coach

Assistant Coach

Team Manager

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Hong Kong Football Club

HKU Sandy Bay

Hong Kong Football Club

Hong Kong Football Club

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Flying Kukris

HKU Sandy Bay

USRC Tigers

HKU Sandy Bay

Atlantis Rugby

University Of West England

Valley RFC

Kowloon

HKU Sandy Bay

U.S. Naval Academy

DB Pirates

HKU Sandy Bay

Hong Kong Football Club

Valley RFC

HKU Sandy Bay

Kings College

Kings College

Linfield college

Flying Kukris

James Fisher (Sai Kung Stingrays)

Riva Brill (Vallley RFC)

Alex Leeds (HKFC)

Phoebe Chan



U19 GIRLS HONG KONG DRAGONS

PLAYER

Olivia Mcquhae

Ananya Pandey

Selena Wong

Wong Yuen Kwan

Yang Hoi Ching , Summer

Chow Pui Yi Zania

Sabrina Chung

Olivia Rigby

Sierra Legge

Elsie Hulme

Tiffany Fu

Orla Colling

Musa Chin

Amelie Chan

Isabelle Roskell

Chan Sze Hang Sheryn

Lee Pui Yee

Emily Fisher

Yoanna Leung

Jessica Hauptfleisch

Haruka Uematsu

Mohammad Darling Shaheen

Nancy Yan Tsz Ching

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Hasting Leiataua (Valley RFC)

Fourie Smuts (HKU Sandy Bay)

KK Wong (Valley RFC)

KK Wong (Valley RFC)



U19 BOYS OVERSEAS LIONS

PLAYERS

Mitchell Crawford

Lukas Molyneux

Diego Lafontaine Olaso

Wong Ho Fai Chace

Craig McSheaffrey

Oscar Luis Weston Flores

Atif Javed

Benjamin Bannon

Theo Mag

Joshua Mapp

Oliver Clarke

Dominic Hedley

Finn Jurecka

Noe Tsang

Hamish Hulme

Ben McKellar

Trent Rossouw

Lo Wai Hei

Matisse Guillot

Declan Guinea

Darcy Jurecka

James Kee

CLUB/SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY

St. Peter's Lutheran College

Hong Kong Football Club

ASR Milano

Kowloon RFC

Hong Kong Football Club

Kowloon RFC

University of California

Rotterdame Studenten RFC

HKU Sandy Bay RFC

Hilton College

Kowloon RFC

University of Canterbury

Melbourne Harlequins Western University

Western University

Hong Kong Football Club

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USRC Tigers

HKU Sandy Bay

Whanganui Collegiate School

Harlequins Melbourne

Cardiff University

Head Coach

Assistant Coach

Team Manager

Luke van der Smit

Wayne Van Der Merew (HKU Sandy Bay)

Phoebe Chan



U19 BOYS HONG KONG DRAGONS

PLAYER

William Wang Kay Li

Benny Choi

lan Wong

Lau Ho Tsun Sirius

Chiu Yat Fu

Finn Marriott

Fritz Mahn

Hugo Healy

Andreas Heinrichs

Andrew Durant

Ben Hanson

Luke Bannon

Magnus Andreas Simmons

Ho Wang Ngai

Kyran Lacy

Thaddeus Sandeen

Jacob Tsui

Wong Ka Yiu Kyle

Isaac Reid

Matthew Rickard

David Mcmurtray

Ethan Cumes

Darren Yeung

Liam Jordan

Ettore Perri

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Hong Kong Football Club

Valley Fort

TSW Pandas

HKU Sandy Bay

Hong Kong Football Club

HKU Sandy Bay

HKU Sandy Bay

Kowloon RFC

HKU Sandy Bay

Valley Fort

HK Scottish

Hong Kong Football Club

Kowloon RFC

Valley Fort

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