



**Irish Business Forum**  
HONG KONG

## **Members News Bulletin – Autumn 2001**

The IBF is pleased to launch these quarterly news bulletins which will serve as a forum to keep members up to date on planned activities. Feedback and suggestions welcome! Comments to [maeve.gallagher@jpmorgan.com](mailto:maeve.gallagher@jpmorgan.com)

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Mr Alfie Kane – CEO of Eircom and President of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce**

Wednesday November 21, 2001 at the China Club, Central

Lunch Meeting: 12.30 – 2.00pm. \$325 per person. Non members welcome.

For further information, please contact [matthew.odriscoll@hk.eyi.com](mailto:matthew.odriscoll@hk.eyi.com)

Eircom has had some challenging and exciting times over the recent years. The shape of the telco sector has altered rapidly and the economics of running a telecoms business have switched dramatically. Mr Kane will share his insight in the rapidly evolving telecoms sector from his perspective as Chief Executive of Ireland's leading player. And in his capacity as President of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce, he will present his views on the economic and business environment in Ireland. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers.

#### **Professor Gerry McKenna – Vice Chancellor, University of Ulster**

Friday November 30, 2001 at the Hong Kong Club, 1 Jackson Road, Central

Breakfast Meeting: 7.45 – 9.00 am. \$125 per person. Non members welcome.

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From his unique vantage point of Vice Chancellor of the University of Ulster, Professor McKenna will share his views of the political and business environment in Northern Ireland and will discuss the evolving educational sector. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers.

#### **Northern Ireland Trade Mission**

Monday November 26, 2001

Evening Cocktails (details will be confirmed by the British Consulate)

You will receive an invitation to a reception hosted by the British Consulate in honour of the visit to Hong Kong and China by the Northern Ireland Trade Mission. Enjoy a chance to mingle with these business leaders and hear of recent developments in the business landscape, including the nascent biotech industry in NI.

#### **AGM and Christmas Drinks**

Thursday December 6 at the Hong Kong Club, 1 Jackson Road, Central

Evening Cocktails: 6.30 – 8.30 pm. No charge to members. Non-members welcome at \$100

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Share a social evening with members and wrap up of the year with the election of new committee. We are keen to have some new faces on the committee and invite submissions for nomination. You will receive a separate notice of the meeting inviting you to submit names for the 2002 committee.

#### **Sir Reg Empey – Minister of Trade & Economic Development in N Ireland**

January / February 2002 (Tentative - dates will be confirmed by the British Consulate)

You will receive an invitation to a reception hosted by the British Consulate in honour of the visit to Hong Kong of Sir Reg Empey, Minister of Trade & Economic Development in Northern Ireland. This is an opportunity to hear a first hand update on the governance and peace process in Northern Ireland

## **New – Informal Roundtable Lunches**

Starting from January 2002, we will hold regular lunches during which a featured speaker will highlight what is happening in his or her world. These informal gatherings are intended to offer members the opportunity to meet, network, share ideas and generally catch up. If you would like to share your views, please contact Maeve Gallagher on [maeve.gallagher@jpmorgan.com](mailto:maeve.gallagher@jpmorgan.com)

## **Harry O'Neill – Managing Director, Whitney O'Neill**

January 2002. Details will be provided.

Whitney O'Neill was nominated Asia's best financial headhunter in the most recent survey by the Economist Intelligence Unit, while parent company, The Whitney Group garnered this honour globally. In addition, Harry has been selected by leading financial magazine, Asiamoney, as the region's best headhunter in the debt business. With Asia facing its second recession in three years, Harry will talk about life on the inside and how headhunting has changed with the economic environment.

## **InterCham and The European Chamber of Commerce**

As the voice of Irish business in Hong Kong, the IBF maintains active dialogue with InterCham, the umbrella group for Chambers of Commerce in Hong Kong. And we are a member of the European Chamber of Commerce. In many cases, the chambers will jointly organise events which we could not otherwise support. Recent events have included a presentation by the Honorable Tung Chee Hwa. We have negotiated on behalf of our members to ensure that we receive member rates for the cost of such events. If you wish to keep informed and participate in any, be sure to keep us apprised of your current e-mail address. To update your records, please contact Matthew O' Driscoll on [matthew.odriscoll@hk.eyi.com](mailto:matthew.odriscoll@hk.eyi.com)

## **Getting in touch with the IBF**

The Irish Business Forum of Hong Kong is a business networking group comprised of Irish business people and those with an interest in Ireland and Irish business. We serve as the voice of Irish Business in Hong Kong and have hosted a range of speakers since our inception in 1998. Keynote speakers have ranged from An Taoiseach, Bertie Ahern to Michael Smurfit, Chairman of the Smurfit group. We partner with other Irish interest groups in Hong Kong, such as the St Patrick's Society, the longest-established Irish organisation in town. Should you have any colleagues or friends who would be interesting in signing up for membership, please pass along the attached application form. Direct any membership enquiries to Ronan Delaney on [ronan.delaney@arup.com](mailto:ronan.delaney@arup.com)

The IBF is run by a volunteer committee comprised of:

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