



St. PATRICK'S SOCIETY OF HONG KONG LIMITED

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at the AGM of the Society held at the Football Club on the 19th of September, I had the honour of being elected President for the coming year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ronan Delaney, last years President, for his hard work and dedication, which ensured a very successful year for the Society.

One of the first functions I had to attend was the Asian Gaelic games held over the weekend of 27th / 28th September. The games, involving men and women's teams from seven different Asian countries were a great success, and all those involved in the organisation must be congratulated. It looks as though the games chief organiser Fergal Power and the HKGAA have started a new Hong Kong institution that may even rival the Rugby 7's in a few years time! It was great to see so many of the St. Patrick's Society supporting this worthwhile cause, which raised over US\$25,000 for charity.

October the 7th brings the President of Ireland, Mary McAleese to Hong Kong. I hope that you have all got your invitations by now. I look forward to seeing you all at the reception at the Grand Hyatt hotel. Don't forget to bring your invitation, as it will make things a lot easier for the organisers.

One month later, on November the 7th, we once again head over to Middle Island for the annual Society barbeque. This is a great event that has grown in popularity over the years and is a great way to meet fellow members of the society in a relaxed and very informal atmosphere. I will send you more details of how to book your place in the near future.

We are very keen to build up our membership to the Society. We know that there are a lot of Irish people out there who may have arrived in Hong Kong recently, or who have been here for some time but have never got around to joining the Society. If you know of anyone who should be a member but isn't, please let them know about us and ask them to contact our membership secretary Orla Thomas at orlangaz@netfront.net.

On this note, may I also remind Ordinary members (as opposed to Lifetime members) that the annual subscription is now due. You should receive a notice very soon. If you have changed, or intend to change your address or contact details, please also let Orla know so that we can keep you informed of events.

Finally may I say that I am looking forward to another great year for the Society. The committee and myself are always open to your suggestions. If you want to get in touch, please feel free to contact me at anne_hkstpats@yahoo.com .

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