

## Hong Kong Women's Rugby Sevens and Asian Championship 2003

Hong Kong Women's Rugby will be hosting its fifth international women's sevens tournament over March 27 and 28, 2003 at So Kon Po in the shadow of the Hong Kong Stadium.

Incorporating the Asian Women's Sevens Championship, the Hong Kong Women's Rugby Sevens is shaping up to be the best with 13 confirmed teams as *RUGBY TALK* went to press including England, Fiji, New Zealand, the USA and Japan.

A strong field assembled for the 2003 edition of the Hong Kong Women's Rugby Sevens promises all the excitement of previous instalments. The Tournament Draw will be held in February with the Hong Kong National Team to be announced in early March.

In addition to the Hong Kong Women's Rugby Sevens, the best competition of its kind in the women's rugby world, are once again coming to Hong Kong, so there is no excuse not to pop by for a visit on the way to the stadium. As anyone attending the Friday night of the Credit Suisse First Boston Hong Kong Sevens will attest, the quality of rugby in Hong Kong Women's Sevens is impressive, with the finals played beneath the lights at the Hong Kong Stadium. Come see if the Kiwi stranglehold on women's rugby can be broken. **RT**

## PLAYING FOR PRIDE

For those who can't resist the lure of truly international rugby, be sure to visit the Aberdeen Country of Origin, as Hong Kong's local rugby players give their all for national pride. The Country of Origin will be held at the Aberdeen Stadium on Sunday 23 March 2003. For more information on how to form or sponsor teams, please contact Rob Perren at: [perren@netvigator.com](mailto:perren@netvigator.com).



International action - HK style at the Aberdeen Country of Origin

## KOWLOON RUGBYFEST 10s

The newest competition during rugby week in Hong Kong is proving to be popular. Kowloon's Rugbyfest 10s is a promising social tournament for those who prefer to enjoy their rugby madness with more pints than bruises. This one-day extravaganza of champagne and rugby takes place on Wednesday March 26, 2003 at So Kon Po.



Social teams came from around the world for Rugbyfest

In only its second year, Rugbyfest continues to attract attention from ruggers around the world who make the annual pilgrimage to the Credit Suisse First Boston Hong Kong Sevens. Applications for this year's tournament have been received from England, Wales, Japan, the Middle East and from around Asia. Among last year's clubs, Varsity Blues from Guam and the defending champions, USA Owls, last year's winners, will be returning. The Owls have also entered a side in the Hong Kong Tens. Kowloon is promising to announce more participants closer to the event.

Among the most sociable of Hong Kong's rugby clubs, Kowloon has arranged a plethora of entertainment both during the day and into the wee hours of the morning. Rugbyfest veterans may even get a glimpse of the famed Ms Kowloon. **RT**

## Calling all Celts!

Aberdeen RFC will be holding its annual Ceilidh on 15 February 2003 at the Police Officers Club in Causeway Bay. The event is black tie and entry fee is HK\$450 and includes buffet dinner, all you can drink from 7:00pm to midnight and some Scottish reel fun.

Close on these upturned heels is the Aberdeen Sevens Dinner, which will be held on Thursday 27 March 2003, at the Aberdeen Marina Club. Rory Underwood has already confirmed as one of the speakers with another mystery international to be announced in March. Fabulous prizes will be auctioned off for charity during the evening including Phil Greening's England Sevens Jersey from the 2002 Credit Suisse First Boston Hong Kong Sevens, signed by all the members of the team. This historic piece of rugby memorabilia is a guaranteed one-off and can only be purchased by attending the Aberdeen Sevens Dinner.

For information on booking a place at either the Aberdeen Sevens Dinner or the Aberdeen Ceilidh, please contact Aberdeen social secretary Nigel Barnes on [nbarnes@dtz.com.hk](mailto:nbarnes@dtz.com.hk). **RT**