



中國香港手球總會 HANDBALL ASSOCIATION OF HONG KONG, CHINA

4th Asian Men & Women's Beach Handball Championship

May 8-16, 2013, Kwai Chung Sports Ground, Hong Kong

Press Release

For Immediate Release

Beach Handball Athletes in Hong Kong Fighting for the Glory of their Countries and Territories!

8 May, 2013-Hong Kong: For the first time, Hong Kong is hosting an Official Event of Asian Handball Federation (AHF). The Opening Ceremony is held on Wednesday, 8 May at 2:00 p.m. in Kwai Chung Sports Ground. Mr. Timothy Fok Tsun Ting, GBS, JP, IOC Member and President of Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China and Mrs. Betty Fung, JP, Director of Leisure & Cultural Services, Leisure & Cultural Services Department officiated in the Opening Ceremony with Mr. Wilfred Ng, SBS, JP, President of Handball Association of Hong Kong, China and Mr. Ho Chung Ho, Chairman of the Organizing Committee for 4th Asian Men & Women's Beach Handball Championship.

This event has been selected as one of the highlight events of "Hong Kong: Our Home", and also is an Major Local International Event (MLIE), subvented by the Home Affairs Bureau (Arts and Sport Development Fund) and supported by Leisure and Cultural Services Department of Hong Kong and Kwai Tsing District Council.

The event attracts over 200 competitors and officials from 8 Asian countries and territories, including 6 Men Teams from Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, Thailand, Vietnam and Hong Kong, China; as well as 6 Women Teams from China, Qatar, Chinese Taipei, Thailand, Vietnam and Hong Kong, China. Among them, Qatar and Oman Men Team were the Champion and Runners-up respectively in the Asian Beach Handball Championship held in Masqat, Oman, 2011. The China Women Team, was the Champion in 2010 Asian Beach Games in Oman. Thailand Women Team was the 1st Runners-up, Vietnam Women Team was 2nd Runners-up in that Games.

Hong Kong, China Men Team will be led by Mr. Chak Wing Keung, the members comprise of Wong Shing Yip, Yuen Ka Yi, Yeung Kong Kiu, Ip Kwun Ying, Leung Hoi Yip, Chan Chun Ho, Siu Chi Yan, Leung Chun Yin, Yiu Tai Wai, Leung Chi Sai, Chan Kwok Hing, Chan Wan Man, Ip Kwun Hung and Chan Ka Him. Women Team will be led by Mr. Yip Tai Hoi, the members comprise of Tsang Ching Man, Cheung Mei Ngo, Chung Ka Yu, Chan Kam Ling, Chiu Chit Kwan, Chow Pui Yee, Yip Nga Man, Cheng



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Ching Hang, Lai Mei Yu, Lam Sze Pui, Lam Wai Yu, To Yuan Pik, Sum Ming Yee and Man Ying.

These top Asian ranking teams will be competing to qualify for the World Beach Handball Championships 2014 in Morocco. Meanwhile, the Men and Women Teams will fight for the Champion, 1st Runners-up and 2nd Runners-up in a single round-robin format respectively. With top caliber teams from all over Asia, we could expect very thrilling and magnificent performances by the players in the 9-day competition in Hong Kong showcasing the prowess of our Asian athletes.

Besides the breath-taking competitions, there will be a carnival consisting of colorful game booths to attract and entertain the spectators and participants during the weekend of May 11-12 at the open ground beside the sand court in Kwai Chung Sports Ground.

Sponsors of this prestigious event include Bonjour Holdings Limited, Sharp-Roxy (Hong Kong) Limited, Watsons Water, AKITA (HK) Company Ltd, Tom Lee Music, Hotel Royal Macau, Charming Trims Company Limited, Shot Energy HK Limited, Sun Ming Yuen Catering Group, Baleno Kingdom Limited, Hutchison Telecommunications (Hong Kong) Limited. Regal Kowloon Hotel and Regal Riverside Hotel are the Official Hotels.

About Beach Handball

Beach Handball is the outdoor version of Handball, and is more exciting with beach and sunlight. This sport is fascinating with its distinctive style: quick tempo at court, 360 degree shoot and innovative ways to score.



Handball Association of Hong Kong, China