



## **Guinness World Records™ Attempt The World's Largest Mini Rugby Tournament**

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2010 the Hong Kong Mini Rugby Football Union (HKMRFU), in association with the Hong Kong Rugby Football Union (HKRFU) and Wanchai District Council and with the generous support from the Leisure and Cultural Services Department, Hong Kong Football Club (HKFC) and the Hong Kong Jockey Club will host the world's largest mini rugby tournament at HKFC/Happy Valley from 9am to 2:30pm.

*This will be an adjudicated Guinness World Records™ attempt*

The HKMRFU represents 18 mini rugby clubs in Hong Kong where over 3,500 boys and girls under the age of 12 play rugby. The aim of the HKMRFU is to promote rugby among all children in Hong Kong. The 18 mini-rugby clubs train every week and attend a number of tournaments where the children compete against rival clubs culminating annually with appearances at the Hong Kong International Sevens.

Through mini rugby children learn teamwork, sportsmanship, hand-eye co-ordination, ball handling skills and have the opportunity to get great exercise outdoors. Mini rugby provides a fun environment in which children can develop self-confidence as well as cross-cultural communication, decision-making and leadership skills.

Mini rugby in Hong Kong is becoming ever more popular with the number of children playing rugby growing tremendously over the past decade. In order to show the extent of this grassroots development and to involve as many people from the Hong Kong community in rugby, the HKMRFU has decided to host a special Guinness World Records™ attempt for the largest Mini Rugby Tournament.

### *Guinness World Records™: The Largest Mini Rugby Tournament*

Some 3,500 children aged from 4 to 12 years in 350 teams will play approximately 550 games of rugby between 9am and 2:30pm at Happy Valley Sports Ground and HKFC. Players will come from Hong Kong's 18 mini rugby clubs, with invited guest teams from Macau, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, China and Japan.

The current world record is 832 players. We expect to break this record easily.

An adjudicator from Guinness World Records™ will be in attendance to certify the record, and he will be joined by rugby VIPs to kick-off the event in a special ceremony at 9am at the HKFC. The final Guinness World Records™ declaration will be made on the HKFC main pitch at 2pm. It is anticipated that 12,000 individuals will attend the event.

Immediately after the event the HKRFU will host the international match between Australia and New Zealand at the Hong Kong Stadium for which you can still buy tickets.

## **Please join us on this wonderful day of rugby!**



In support of Indochina Starfish Foundation: donate your old rugby or football boots.



## 舉辦全球最大規模小型欖球賽事 挑戰『健力士世界紀錄』

全球最大規模的小型欖球錦標賽將於 2010 年 10 月 30 日(星期六)早上 9 時至下午 2 時 30 分假香港足球會及跑馬地球場舉行。此項錦標賽由香港小型欖球總會主辦，香港欖球總會及灣仔區議會協辦，康文署、香港足球會及香港賽馬會全力支持。

### 將會刷新一個『健力士世界紀錄』

香港小型欖球總會代表全港十八個小型欖球會，當中包括超過 3,500 位十二歲以下的男女小球員，旨在向全港小朋友推廣欖球運動。18 個小型欖球會的小球員每星期不斷練習，彼此於多個不同欖球賽中對壘，力求在香港國際七人賽正規賽前能在香港大球場一顯身手。

每位小球員從欖球運動中不但學懂團隊意識及體育精神、還能掌握手、腳和眼的協調和控球的技巧，並有機會在綠草如茵的戶外鍛煉和大展身手。此外，欖球運動還提供一個饒有趣味的環境，除了讓來自不同地域的小球員透過比賽提升領導及決策技巧外，還可交流文化和建立自信。

過去數年，欖球運動越趨普及，參與人數每年不斷遞增。為了令香港更多人認識欖球，香港小型欖球總會特意舉辦這項特別的活動，冀望打破最大規模的小型欖球錦標賽之健力士世界紀錄

### 『健力士世界紀錄』：最大規模的小型欖球錦標賽

當日，全港 18 個小型欖球會及多間小學，加上來自澳門、馬來西亞、新加坡、泰國、中國及日本的邀請隊，接近 3,500 位由四歲至十二歲兒童組成的 350 支隊伍將由上午 9 時至下午 2 時 30 分於香港足球會及跑馬地球場進行這項別具特色的小型欖球錦標賽。

我們預計這項活動將輕易打破由 832 位小球員保持的舊紀錄。

『健力士世界紀錄』的評判員將親臨見證新世界紀錄的誕生，並於當日早上 9 時假香港足球會與一眾嘉賓主持此項活動的開球禮。而最後確實的新『健力士世界紀錄』將會在下午 2 時於香港足球會公佈。估計整項活動將會吸引超過 12,000 人出席。

當日下午 4 時，香港欖球總會於香港大球場主辦一場世界級的比迪素杯欖球賽，由澳洲對紐西蘭。門票現正公開發售。

一起參與這個精彩動感的欖球日！

