

HOCKEY HONG KONG, CHINA
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CHAIRWOMAN'S REPORT

This year has been one of milestones, continued development, and resilience for our hockey community. Despite facing challenges, we have remained committed to fostering talent, enhancing competitiveness, and achieving excellence on both local and international stages.

Development

Development has remained a central focus for us this year. The Bauhinia B team, introduced last season, was moved up to Division 1. This strategic move reflects our commitment to challenging and elevating our developing players by exposing them to higher-level competition. It also underscores our broader aim to continually improve the standard of our younger players and create clear pathways to facilitate their progression into higher divisions.

This year, we also introduced a goalkeeper course and the GBA Goalkeeper Exchange program. Specialized training programs have continued to play a vital role in our development efforts. The Goalkeeper Training Camps provided position-specific coaching that further strengthened this critical area of the game. These camps are part of our ongoing efforts to ensure that specialist positions receive tailored, high-quality training to support their growth and contribution to the sport.

Grounds

This year, we faced the significant challenge of the official closure of Kings Park for returfing, which had a direct impact on our fixtures and the overall length of the league. Navigating these logistical difficulties required flexibility and patience from everyone involved. We are deeply grateful to all clubs and teams for their understanding and support, which helped ensure the league could continue despite these disruptions.

National and International Success

This year, our players and teams continued to grow and develop on the national and international stage, with commendable performances and milestones achieved. Thanks to the generous support of the Culture, Sports and Tourism Bureau (CSTB), the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), and the Hong Kong Sports Institute (HKSI), we have begun building a more systematic setup for the national program. This includes the introduction of coaching pathways, enhanced player support in sports medicine and strength and conditioning (S&C), and the inclusion of more players in the national setup. These initiatives are laying the foundation for long-term success and a stronger, more sustainable national program.

The Greater Bay Area (GBA) Test Series was a significant highlight this year, as we invited teams from Guangdong and Guangzhou to compete against the Hong Kong U21 and Hong Kong Women's Squad. This exciting series provided valuable match experience and strengthened our ties with regional counterparts, fostering collaboration and camaraderie within the Greater Bay Area.

The Hong Kong Women's Squad also traveled to Thailand for test matches, adding to their international match experience and providing opportunities to refine tactics and strengthen team cohesion. Additionally, the squad welcomed five new caps this year, an encouraging sign of growth and renewal within the national team.

Our youth teams also enjoyed international exposure. In August, a youth exchange to Japan offered players the chance to engage in cultural and sporting exchanges, broadening their horizons and building relationships with international counterparts. The U16s team represented Hong Kong at the FIH World Youth Hockey 5s Festival in Ipoh in December, gaining valuable developmental experience and showcasing their potential.

Our teams participated in several major tournaments with notable results:

- The Women's Junior AHF Cup in June provided valuable experience for our junior players.
- The Junior Asia Cup in December marked our best results ever in this competition, a well-deserved achievement that highlights the ongoing progress of our youth pipeline.
- The 8th Women's Hockey Invitational Tournament, hosted in Hong Kong, saw the team emerge as champions, a testament to their dedication and teamwork.

We also congratulate Coby Lau and Yip Ting Wai for achieving the milestone of 100 international caps this year. Their dedication and perseverance serve as an inspiration to all players in our hockey community. Additionally, Coby Lau delivered exceptional performances on the international stage, earning the Top Goal Scorer title at both the Quadrangular Tournament and the AHF Cup in 2025—a remarkable achievement that reflects her skill and determination.

These achievements are a testament to the hard work of our players, coaches, and support teams, as well as the strength of the programs we continue to build. While challenges remain, we are proud of the progress made and are committed to sustaining this momentum in the years to come.

Local Programmes and Tournaments

Our local tournaments and programs remain an integral part of our hockey calendar, offering players opportunities to compete, develop their skills, and connect with the community.

The Women's Premier Division Summer 5-A-Side Tournament in August provided a dynamic and fast-paced start to the season, offering players a chance to showcase their skills and prepare for the challenges ahead. Similarly, the Women's 5-a-Side Tournament in January, open to all divisions, gave teams the opportunity to jump back into the game after the break while fostering camaraderie and social connections across the hockey community.

These tournaments are a cornerstone of our efforts to keep our hockey community engaged, competitive, and connected. They reflect our commitment to fostering a vibrant local league and ensuring that players at all levels have meaningful opportunities to participate and grow.

Acknowledgments

This year's successes would not have been possible without the dedication and support of many individuals and organizations. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all players, coaches, umpires, and officials who have worked tirelessly throughout the season.

We are particularly grateful to CSTB, LCSD, Sports Federation & Olympic Committee of Hong Kong, China (SF&OC) for their generous funding and support, which have been crucial in enabling our programs and initiatives. A special thank you goes to the Hong Kong Football Club for providing pitches and for their continued support and flexibility with arrangements. To all clubs and teams, thank you for your patience and cooperation, particularly as we worked through the challenges posed by the closure of Kings Park.

A special note of appreciation goes to the outgoing committee and our staff, whose unwavering commitment and hard work have ensured the smooth operation of all aspects of our hockey programs.

Looking Ahead

As we move forward, we remain steadfast in our mission to build a vibrant and inclusive hockey community. By expanding development opportunities, strengthening our national program, and continuing to nurture talent at all levels, we aim to further advance hockey in Hong Kong and build on the progress we have made.

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