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## **The 5<sup>th</sup> Men's Asian Hockey Federation Cup**

### **Eight Asian Teams are Ready to Battle in Hong Kong**

**[10<sup>th</sup> November, 2016]** Organized by The Hong Kong Hockey Association (HKHA), the **5<sup>th</sup> Men's Asian Hockey Federation Cup (5<sup>th</sup> Men's AHF Cup)** will be held from 19<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> November 2016 in Hong Kong. 8 Asian teams will compete in Hong Kong during the week-long tournament. Hong Kong is drawn in Pool A alongside Bangladesh, champion of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> AHF Cup, Chinese Taipei and Macau. Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Uzbekistan are in Pool B. The pool stages will take place between 19<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016 before the classification and medal matches on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

The AHF Cup was first organized by HKHA in Hong Kong in 1997. It provides valuable opportunities for the second tier Asian teams to participate in international tournaments apart from the Asian Games and the Asia Cup. Through the tournament, they can gain more experience and improve on their respective world rankings. After Singapore and Bangkok hosted the AHF Cup in 2008 and 2012, the tournament comes back to Hong Kong this year since it was last held in town in 2002.

**Team Manager Eddie Leung**, who started to manage the Hong Kong Team 3 years ago, is excited for the tournament, "We aim to get a medal in the Cup. We hope to make good use of the home advantage to strive for good results. When we played against Kazakhstan last March in the FIH World League 2016 Round 1, we were caught up several times but we managed to beat them 4-3 at the end. This unforgettable experience has taught us to fight until the last second of every match."

**Team Captain Siu Chun Ming**, who joined the Hong Kong Team 4 years ago, have been participating in the FIH World League and Asian Challenge Cup over the last few years. As team captain, he turns the stress into motivation, leading the team to strive for excellence in every match, "I always encourage the team to stay calm and be tough when we play against stronger opponents. We look forward to the Hong Kong Hockey Community's support during the tournament."



Fans are welcome to come and cheer for the players. Hong Kong Team's Fixture (Pool Stages):

Date	Time	Match	Venue
19 <sup>th</sup> November (Saturday)	6:00pm	Bangladesh vs Hong Kong, China	Hong Kong King's Park Hockey Ground
21 <sup>st</sup> November (Monday)	8:00pm	Hong Kong, China vs Macau, China	
23 <sup>rd</sup> November (Wednesday)	8:00pm	Hong Kong, China vs Chinese Taipei	

For the fixtures and information, please visit:

The Hong Kong Hockey Association official website:

<http://hockey.org.hk/>

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