## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Dear Member,

Firstly, I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Chinese New Year and hope that despite the continuing social distancing restrictions, you will be able to celebrate and enjoy the forthcoming festive occasion.

It has been some time since a communication was sent out concerning the proposed work of the Sportsman's Bar.

The latest news on the kitchen upgrade and essential maintenance work to the Sportsman's Bar is that the Development Sub Committee are currently working with the various government departments to get approvals and licences for the project.

Normally this is a straightforward process that takes a few months, but the Covid 19 lockdown measures and the fact that a lot of government employees are working from home, has resulted in significant and unexpected delays to the normal authorisation timeline.

At the time of writing, we cannot be certain when the approval process will be finalised, and the project works will be able to start. However, it seems probable that the original times for the project to start will now have to be moved to a later date.

In rescheduling the project start time we will also need to take into consideration potential heavy usage times of the Sportsman's Bar, so that we can keep the inconvenience to members to a minimum.

We have been informed that in a couple of months we should have a far better understanding on the likely project authorisation timeline and it is our intention to report back to members at that point.

If in the meantime if you would like to see more information about the Sportsman's Bar kitchen upgrade and essential maintenance work plans, please visit our website.

Kung Hei Fat Choy!

Michael J Wood Chairman Hong Kong Football Club