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## **“Tackling Life” Youth Rugby Programme**

*Macquarie Group Foundation and Foreign Correspondents’ Club partner on a new sports initiative*

(13 October, 2012) We are delighted to announce today the launch of the Po Leung Kuk, Macquarie Group Foundation and Foreign Correspondents’ Club rugby initiative. The “Tackling Life” Youth Rugby Programme aims to help disadvantaged young people from schools of Po Leung Kuk build confidence and self-esteem.

Three Po Leung Kuk primary schools from Tuen Mun, a Po Leung Kuk Children's Learning Centre and a Language Training Programme have already joined this initiative, which uses experienced coaches from the Hong Kong Rugby Football Union to introduce the students to rugby as a medium to encourage a healthy and positive lifestyle. The programme will focus on building confidence and self-esteem, as well as developing students’ team work and interpersonal skills.

Mr. Simon Hempel, Former Hong Kong Rugby Player from Macquarie Group said “Tackling Life is a great opportunity to teach Po Leung Kuk students some of the basics of rugby but more importantly develop valuable skills and qualities that the kids can draw upon in everyday life. From my experience rugby can be a great way to learn about friendship, hard work, perseverance and general health and well-being and hopefully the kids will learn the same from our time together.”

Ms Jacqueline P.C. Leung, Chairman of Po Leung Kuk said “Po Leung Kuk affiliated schools place a strong focus on balanced learning. We encourage students to expand their scope of learning and enrich their school lives in every possible aspect. I thank the supporting parties in providing this opportunity for our students to enjoy new experiences and to develop their full potential to tackle new challenges in future.”

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## Notes to Editor

### **About Po Leung Kuk**

Po Leung Kuk has been founded for 134 years, with “protecting the young and the innocent” as its mission. It is now one of the leading charity organisation in Hong Kong, providing multi-faceted services to the community. Po Leung Kuk is also one of the largest school sponsoring bodies in Hong Kong. Its educational units, including kindergartens, primary, secondary and special schools and a community college serve a student population of nearly 50,000.

### **About the Macquarie Group Foundation**

In the year to 31 March 2012, the Macquarie Group Foundation, together with Macquarie Group staff efforts, contributed more than \$21 million to over 1,300 community organisations around the world. Since it was established in 1985, the Foundation and Macquarie staff have contributed more than \$165 million globally.

### **About the Foreign Correspondents' Club Charity Fund**

The Foreign Correspondents' Club Charity Fund (FCC) was founded 11 years ago initially to provide scholarships to young people from disadvantaged backgrounds who wanted to access tertiary education and improve their lives and the lives of their families.

We are working in partnership to help the neediest children in Hong Kong - children who have been struggling with family matters and with little or no financial support.