

The 2nd installment of **The Irish Village** is to be held on **March 17th 2017** at the Ocean View Court and adjoining terrace area at The Arcade in Cyberport to celebrate Ireland's National Day – St Patrick's Day.

Every year on March 17th the world celebrates St Patrick's Day, with parades and festivals in almost every city across the globe in fact it's the one national holiday that is celebrated in more countries around the world than any other, St Patrick's Day is the day when everyone wants to be Irish.

This year's event conveniently falls on a Friday and our large indoor / outdoor venue will showcase all that is wonderful about Ireland including a Five-Piece Irish Band, a full troupe of Irish Dancers and an Irish Comedy show featuring four celebrated Irish Comedians. That coupled with great Irish Food and Beverage and a large sprinkling of Irish Hospitality promises to be a St Patrick's Day to remember.

LIVE ACTS ON THE IRISH VILLAGE STAGE INCLUDE:

Echos of Erin School of Irish Dance consists of current World and European champions and holds the honour of being placed second in the World Irish Dance Drama competition for two years running. They have had the privilege to perform alongside some big names including The Chieftains, Davy Spillane, Cara Butler and most recently alongside Mairead Nesbitt and Stephen Scariff at the World Premiere of 'Hibernia'.

Punchline Comedy Club have arranged a 30 minute Irish Comedy Extravaganza consisting of three acts (four performers) including Ian Coppinger *Imaginative Spot-On Hilarious*" (according to the Sunday Independent), Colm O'Regan *deadpan with hilarious consequences*" The Irish Times and Totally Wired! – Ireland's answer to Flight of the Conchords.

DARGLE the hugely talented, highly spirited and crowd-loving Irish Band return once again to perform throughout the night. As members of several bands whom usually perform in Ireland, around Europe and USA as The Dixie Micks, We Banjo 3 and ALDOC they have individually and collectively an impressive cv with contributions to the soundtrack of Lord of the Rings and collaborations with the likes of Grammy Winner Ricky Skaggs, Sharon Shannon & Chirsty Moore they are without doubt, outstanding musicians and powerful entertainers.

Mick McNamara, Garry O'Meara, Paul Kelly, Alan Docherty and Niall Hughes are DARGLE.

The Irish Village will be managed by Irishman Noel Smyth from Delaney's to ensure a warm Irish welcome is extend to all and that the perfect pints of Guinness are poured throughout the night.

Entry is free of charge and open to all – **Festivities begin from 6pm till late.**

The Irish Village is supported by the St Patrick's Society of Hong Kong and part of The HK & Macau Irish Festival 2017.

