



The Lao Rugby Federation in 2008

2007 saw an exciting year for the Lao Rugby Federation and 2008 promises to be even more so.

Already 2008 has seen a number of achievements that demonstrate the growth of rugby here in the Lao PDR. For example:

- By the end of February, the LRF will have an office to help cope with the expansion of rugby-related activities.
- The LRF has received confirmation that the 2009 South East Asian Games, to be held in the Lao PDR, will include rugby sevens, based on the excellent performances in the 2007 games by Lao PDR teams.
- A Vientiane club side has fielded the first under 16 team in the history of rugby in the Lao PDR.
- January saw the inaugural Vientiane Buffalos Rugby Tens competition held in Vientiane, with a local club side taking the spoils against a strong visiting team from Bangkok in the final.

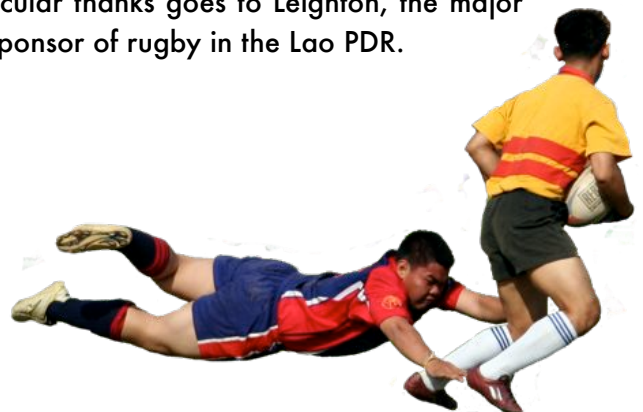
These achievements all bode well for a successful 2008 that provides even more opportunities for rugby participation for all.

The LRF will soon make available, via the LRF website (www.laorugby.com), the 2007 Annual Report, along with the 2008 Annual Plan. These documents will help to understand the direction of

the federation in the context of the 5 year LRF plan, which is also available on the LRF website.

Key to the realisation of this 5 year plan and all the achievements of the LRF, is the continued support of sponsors. With 2008 already underway, the LRF is keen to secure new sponsors and to encourage those of you already supporting rugby in the Lao PDR to renew and hopefully extend your commitments. The LRF will be in touch with those of you interested in supporting rugby development here in the Lao PDR in the near future.

Finally, the LRF would like to thank all of those who have supported rugby during 2007, particular thanks goes to Leighton, the major sponsor of rugby in the Lao PDR.



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