

**Visit to Hong Kong and talk of Mr Richard Balfe, MEP**  
*Institutional Developments of the European Union: A View  
from the European Parliament*

The HKMAES is delighted to announce that Mr Richard Balfe, a British Member of the European Parliament, will be visiting Hong Kong next week. He has kindly accepted an invitation to give a talk on **Friday, 20 February 2004, from 8:45 to 9:30 a.m.** (DLB 802, 8/F, Department of Government and International Studies, HKBU, David C Lam Building, Shaw Campus, Renfrew Road). He will speak about Institutional Developments of the European Union: A View from the European Parliament, but will above all be glad to answer questions, in what is hoped will be a lively debate. All members are most cordially invited to meet Mr Balfe, whose visit is timely as the EU is an increasingly important global player.

Mr Balfe is a senior and influential figure in the European Parliament. He has been an Member of the European Parliament (MEP) since 1979 and is currently one of the five Quaestors who are responsible for administrative and financial matters directly concerning the MEPs. He co-chairs the European Parliament-Hong Kong Friendship Group with Mr Willy de Clercq.