



29th October, 2019

Dear friends, family, and loyal patrons,

We deeply regret to announce that our time running The Irish Clover is coming to an end. This is a very difficult decision for us and emotional letter to write as this has been our home for such a long time and has been the birthplace of so many strong friendships and great memories, but the time is right to now seek a buyer.

We took over this bar to save it from disappearing as it was our link to our homes and families in Ireland and was the glue that held our small community together. We never expected to keep it alive for so long – now 2 ½ years – but we are immensely proud of its many accomplishments along our tumultuous journey.

As a reasonably inexperienced and (on the surface) unprofessional outfit, we have held our ground and built something we are all proud of. There have been immense struggles along the way, but we will look back fondly on the incredible moments and experiences we have shared together. Having endured numerous typhoons including the infamous Typhoon Hato on our opening weekend, we have poured our hearts and souls into ensuring The Irish Clover became the best bar in Zhuhai for service and community – from the Christmases, Thanksgivings, Halloweens, Aussie Days, BBQs, go-karting, quiz nights, and St. Patrick's Day celebrations we have all spent together, to the casual late-night, bar-stool drinks and conversations that keep us all (in)sane, it has been a truly wonderful experience.

To our customers: you are what make this such a difficult decision. We are forever grateful for your friendship, loyalty, laughter, and for occasionally being an emotional crutch for us all at different stages on this journey – you all know who you are and what you have contributed. We have made life-long friends so this is not goodbye. An additional thanks goes to all of you who helped us raise

over ¥35,000 for a variety of different charities along the way. Your generosity has changed lives.

Now, the four of us need a rest and period of reflection before moving on with our other personal and professional commitments which we have put on hold for so long. We hope you can respect that. We are hopeful that this is not the end of this community bar and stand ready to pass the torch onto the next generation where it will hopefully flourish and go from strength to strength in our burgeoning and supportive Zhuhai community.

To all our staff, old and new, we thank you for your unwavering commitment and becoming one of 'The Irish'. You have shown true generosity of spirit, tenacity, and friendship, and without you all it would not have been possible. Thank you, Yuki (and Ross), Abon, Yoyo, Sonny, Danielle, Emma, May, Amy, Lee, Summer, Badam, Mickey, Uncle, and our team of ayís. Extended thanks also go to those unpaid volunteers who pitched in behind the bar, albeit usually to pour their own double whiskey.

We look forward to sharing a drink and a laugh with you all again very soon.

Sláinte,

Conor, Catriona, Mari, and Turner.