



Dear Mr Dariagard

**World Martial Arts Festival of International Images
of Culture, Arts & Sports 2007**

As Lord Mayor of Sheffield I am delighted to invite everyone to join you for your Festival in Sheffield during October. I enjoy visiting the national and international events that are held in the city's magnificent venues, including the Ponds Forge International Sports Centre. Guests and competitors are always complimentary of both the facility and the people who organise the events.

Sheffield is also in a position to offer visitors a wealth of varied experiences during their stay. In the city itself, there is an interesting mix of old and new places to visit, from the Cathedral and Cutlers' Hall to the more recently opened Millennium Galleries and Winter Garden. Everyone can shop in the city or nearby Meadowhall Centre. Otherwise they can travel a short distance to the Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet, Botanical Gardens and Kelham Island Museum or a little further to experience the breathtaking scenery of the Peak National Park.

I am sure that our highly trained and experienced staff will ensure the Festival's operational success and the local community will welcome the participants enthusiastically. Sheffield boasts its own unique character and its people are well known for their warmth and friendliness. There is no doubt in my mind that everyone involved in the event will enjoy both an efficiently organised event as well as a memorable visit.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Arthur Dunworth
Lord Mayor of Sheffield