Pat is voted the European of the year

By JESSICA QUINN

Pat Cox was acclaimed as the European Person of the Year yesterday after beating off stiff competition for the prestigious title.

Mr Cox, President of the European Parliament, is widely respected throughout the continent for his commitment to Europe and his vision for a united Europe.

The ceremony took place in a grand reception at the European Parliament in Brussels.

President of the European Parliament, Mr Cox, expressed his delight at receiving the award, saying, "This recognition is a testament to the tireless efforts and sacrifices made by European leaders in service of our continent."

He added, "I thank my colleagues in the European Parliament for their support and dedication."

The award was presented by His Eminence Cardinal Roger Etchegaray, President of the European Parliament, and was accompanied by a scroll of recognition and a commemorative plaque.

The ceremony was attended by High Representatives of the European Union, Heads of State and Government, and representatives from various European institutions.

The European Person of the Year award is given annually to an individual who has made an exceptional contribution to the European cause and who has inspired the continent with their vision and leadership.

Mr Cox was elected President of the European Parliament in 2004 and has served two terms. He is known for his innovative ideas and strong leadership, which have contributed to the growth and development of the European Union.

European Person of the Year:

Pat Cox
President of the European Parliament

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