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HONG KONG-AUSTRALIA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION LTD

NATIONAL OFFICE

About HKABA

The Hong Kong-Australia Business Association Limited (HKABA), initiated by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, was established in 1987 aiming to promote a positive image for Hong Kong and to reinforce economic ties between Hong Kong SAR/China and Australia. Members are local businessmen with strong Hong Kong connections or those interested in doing business with Hong Kong and Hong Kong organizations based in Australia. The Association provides networking opportunities on which strong trading and investment links are built between Hong Kong companies and Australian companies. It also provides an effective channel of communications for information on economic development and trade opportunities in Hong Kong SAR/China.

The HKABA is a member of the "Federation of Hong Kong Business Associations Worldwide" established in November 2000, comprising 37 Hong Kong Business Associations in 26 countries. Total membership of worldwide is over 11,000.

Our Mission

To promote global co-operation, communication exchange and synergy among the Hong Kong business associations worldwide.

To provide a unified global voice that will enhance business and investment opportunities in and through Hong Kong.

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10th June 2014 National HKABA / Cathay Pacific Business Awards Dinner

The Westin Sydney

The 3rd National HKABA / Cathay Pacific Business Awards Dinner was held on 10 June at The Westin Sydney and was well attended with over 300 guests.

The Awards recognizes companies that excellence in all aspects of international trade between Australia and Hong Kong SAR and/or China. This is the 3rd National event which all the Chapters in Australia will participate. The winners from each Chapter's Business Awards in 2013 were invited to attend a Gala Dinner in Sydney.

The Awards, widely regarded as a prestigious badge of honour, were presented to winners at a ceremony held his evening at The Westin. Some very special Guests of Honour included The Hon. Philip Ruddock MP, The Hon. Mike Baird MP, Premier of NSW, The Hon. Andrew Stoner MP, Deputy Premier of NSW, The Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP, NSW Minister for Transport, The Hon. Matt Thistlethwaite MP, The Hon. Ernest Wong MLC, Member of the NSW Legislative Council, Mr Steve Barclay, Director of HKETO, Government of the HKSAR, Ms Bonnie Shek, Director of HKTDC Australia and New Zealand, Mr Dominic Perret, General Manager, South West Pacific Region, Cathay Pacific and Mr David Lawson, State Director of Austrade NSW & ACT.

Congratulations to the winners at the Third National Business Awards. The event was very well organised and attended by local and foreign dignitaries including the Premier and the Deputy Premier of NSW." , Simon Pho, Victoria

This year the Keynote Speaker was The Hon. Philip Ruddock MP, Chief Government Whip, Federal Member for Berowra.

The Award categories include the below

- Export of Goods/Services
- Import of Goods / Services
- Business Excellence
- Business Development



The Premier of NSW, The Hon Mike Baird

Mr Peter Sinn, the National President of Hong Kong Australia Business Association said "this is the third time we are hosting the National Awards and we have seen some great entries from all over Australia. It's great to see so many small businesses excelling in trade links with Asia in particularly with Hong Kong and China". Peter adds "we have had many sponsors support this National event and we are grateful for having Cathay Pacific again on board as our National sponsor".



The finalists invited to the Hong Kong-Australia Business Association's (HKABA) National Awards for 2014 were:

Adelaide Festival Centre
BannerSHOP Holdings Limited
China Bar
Clenergy International
Confucius Institute, University of Adelaide
Emperor's Garden Pty Ltd
Flavio Sandstone
Institute of Continuing & TESOL Education (ICTE-UQ)
Insync Surveys
Pitcher Partners
Rockman (Australia) Pty Ltd
Sasy n Savy Pty Ltd
Sirromet Wines
ThomsonAdsett
TVB (Australia) Pty Ltd
Vuly Trampolines

The winners were:

HKABA National / Cathay Pacific Business Award for Export of Goods/ Services *ThomsonAdsett – QLD*

HKABA National / Cathay Pacific Business Award for Import of Goods/ Services *Rockman (Australia) Pty Ltd – NSW*

HKABA National / Cathay Pacific Business Award for Business Excellence *Emperor's Garden Pty Ltd – NSW*

HKABA National / Cathay Pacific Business Award for Business Development *Institute of Continuing & TESOL Education (ICTE-UQ), The University of Queensland – QLD*



14th May 2014 HKABA National/HKABA NSW Wine Tasting & Frequent Flyers Evening Hong Kong House, Sydney

The first Wine Tasting and Frequent Flyers Evening hosted at Hong Kong House in Sydney was very popular and insightful.

The wines were provided by Winestate. Peter Jackson and Peter Simic were on hand to guide our taste buds into the finer side of Australian wines. Zeeman Brothers, a producer of organic wines also showed the difference to their wines.

Steve Hui of iFLYflat talk on how to maximize frequent flyer points from every day spending. Ever since he discovered his business model, Steve has flown only Business and First class. It is a model which most of us would surely enjoy learning.



In 2014, we celebrated the Year of the Horse in all our Chapters. In total, we had over 1,000 guests in all the capital cities. Mr Steve Barclay, the outgoing Director of HKETO, was gracious enough to open Chinese New Year celebrations in all our Chapters. We also welcomed Mr Arthur Au, the new Director of HKETO.

The National Office held its 3rd **National Business Awards**, together with Cathay Pacific in June 2014, with The Hon Mike Baird, Premier of NSW, The Hon Andrew Stoner, Deputy Premier and The Hon Philip Ruddock as keynote speaker as its guests.

The **Queensland Chapter** hosted their 3rd Business Awards. It was an evening of fine food, fashion, music and delightful company. Mr Arthur Au, Director and Mr Bernard Lo, Deputy Director of HKETO were the honoured guests.

In **New South Wales**, the Business Awards dinner was a sell out event with representatives from HKETO, HKTDC, InvestHK and the NSW State government and the People's Republic of China.

Victoria had another successful Business Awards at the Crown Palladium, with Mr Arthur Au in his inaugural role with the HKABA events.

The **South Australia** Chapter Business Awards had 300 guests. The Governor of SA, His Excellency The Hon Hieu Van Le attended with Ministers and representatives from business and community organisations.

In **Western Australia**, the Business Awards held in May was held with well over 100 guests. Major sponsors, Cathay Pacific, Konica Minolta, Citic Pacific Mining, ANZ Bank and Westpac were welcomed guests.

Over 100 social and business networking events were held throughout Australia to help celebrate and promote Hong Kong as an economic hub and gateway to China.
