



HKABA  
香港澳洲商會

NEWSLETTER April 2014

# 香港澳洲商會

HONG KONG  
AUSTRALIA  
BUSINESS ASSOCIATION  
(VICTORIA CHAPTER)



Victoria



## 2014 EVENTS CALENDAR

---

HKABA (Vic) is planning a range of activities and events for 2014. Our goal is to bring businesses together and to promote trade between Victoria and Hong Kong SAR and China.

The events planned for 2014 include the following:

- 2014 HKABA National/ Cathay Pacific Business Awards 10 June 2014
- Food and Wine Appreciation Dinner 13 June 2014
- Young Professionals Event June & Sept 2014
- Yum Cha Networking function July 2014
- Hong Kong Trade Development Council briefing July 2014
- Annual Business Awards Gala Dinner August 2014
- Annual General meeting October 2014
- Hong Kong Forum December 2014



## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the second edition of our 2014 Newsletter. I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the various members who contributed to this article including Elizabeth Guerra-Stolfa, Anson Tsang and Kiko Xu.

Anecdotally, activities have been on the rise since the New Year. Whilst it is tempting to remain in the office; head down and chained to our chairs, we all recognise the importance of networking to build new relationships and refresh old ones. Our aim is to keep you informed of the activities that we run, emerging issues that may be of interest to you and upcoming events.

In this Newsletter we:

- shine the spotlight on the Chinese New Year Reception where we rode steadily into and celebrated the Chinese New Year of the Horse;
- report on the recent Hong Kong Foods and related technologies business mission from Hong Kong to Australia;
- introduce you to our new and exciting Initiative – the HKABA Club; and
- keep you abreast of upcoming events.

Daren Yeoh  
Vice-President and Editor





## Chinese New Year Reception 2014

The Chinese New Year Reception to celebrate the Chinese New Year of the Horse was held at the Windsor Hotel on 18 February 2014.

The Event was jointly hosted by:

- The Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office
- The Hong Kong Australia Business Association – VIC Chapter
- The Hong Kong Trade Development Council
- The Hong Kong Tourism Board
- Invest Hong Kong





We were privileged to receive speeches from:

- Mr Steve Barclay, Director of the Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office representing all hosts;
- The Hon Louise Asher MLA, Minister for Innovation, Services and Small Business, Minister for Tourism and Major Events, Minister for Employment and Trade; and
- The Hon Mark Dreyfus MP, Federal Shadow Attorney General and Shadow Minister for the Arts



Guests were also entertained by Hoi Chiu and Maggie Blue O'Hara from the All Theatre Art Association for their performance - "Jockey of Sand".





The artists are well known for multimedia productions that blend a contemporary, colourful aesthetic with innovative, ground-breaking and often bilingual storytelling. The performers demonstrated how a story of Hong Kong can be told with sand. Featured in the story was a symbol of the Horse which reflects nobility, speed and perseverance and we hope the new year of the Horse will bring joy and good luck to all our readers.

Attendees were also given the opportunity to win prizes. The Grand Prizes for the night were:

- return tickets for 2 to Hong Kong on Cathay Pacific Airways which were contributed by Cathay Pacific; and
  - a Michelin Guide to Hong Kong & Macau 2014 contributed by Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office
- Cathay Pacific is a world class multi-award winning carrier, with 70 flights a week between Australian mainland capitals and Hong Kong, among which there are 3 daily services from Melbourne.





# 香港澳洲商會

## HONG KONG DELEGATION TO AUSTRALIA

The Hong Kong Trade Development Council organised a Hong Kong Food, Beverages & Related Technologies (“F&B”) Business Mission to Melbourne - 12th – 15th March. There were a total of 17 companies including representatives from major Hong Kong SAR companies from various sectors including food manufacturing, catering, packaging and retailing. The objectives of the delegates include:

- product sourcing;
- identification of food technologies; and
- exploration of collaboration opportunities with Australian businesses.

The Mission was a great success especially the business matching session where Australian companies met with the Hong Kong SAR companies to explore potential business opportunities.





## LAUNCH OF THE HKABA CLUB

---

**H**KABA (VIC) is excited to announce the establishment of the HKABA Club.

The HKABA Club will offer an exciting educational program that the Chapter has put together for the benefit of its members. The program is free and 3 sessions will be run in 2014. The sessions are informal and are intended to be interactive and practical.

Experienced keynote speakers have been sourced and topics have been chosen to educate, inspire and benefit our members. Invitations will be circulated to members; with the first event to be held in May.







# 香港澳洲商會

## Hong Kong Budget Briefing

The Hong Kong Australia Business Association was proud to present our 2014 Hong Kong Budget Briefing on 9 April 2014 hosted by Hong Kong Economic Trade Office in conjunction with Moore Stephens.

The Hong Kong Budget Briefing will included:

- Presentation from Steve Barclay, Director of Hong Kong Economic Trade Office, on Hong Kong Government's 2013-14 budget as well as current Hong Kong economic conditions



- Presentation from Daren Yeoh on a topic that we feel is important for members to be aware of when they are conducting international/cross border business – The Tax Issues to consider when selling products and services overseas.





## UPCOMING EVENT - Food and Wine Appreciation Dinner

The very popular HKABA (VIC) Food and Wine Appreciation Dinner will be held at Gold Leaf, Docklands on Friday 13 June 2014. The event is an opportunity for members and guests to enjoy fine cuisine matched by selected wines which will accompany the various courses.

We express our appreciation to the following wine sponsors for the event:

Places are limited so when you receive an invitation to attend a session, please RSVP punctually so that you are not disappointed.



LEVANTINE HILL



HEATHCOTEAN BISTRO



MOUNT LANGI GHIRAN

YERING  
*Station*

Please mark the event on your diary and registration details will be provided closer to the event.



## NEWS AND UPDATES

### **New Co-operation arrangement with New Zealand**

The Education Bureau (EDB) of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government and the New Zealand Qualifications Authority on March 28 signed the Co-operation Arrangement on the Development of Qualifications Frameworks (QFs) in Wellington, New Zealand



To read more click on the following link: [http://www.hketosydney.gov.hk/wntem\\_\\_194.php](http://www.hketosydney.gov.hk/wntem__194.php)

### **Speech by Financial Secretary**

The Financial Secretary, Mr John C Tsang delivered a speech at the Joint Business Community Luncheon on March 20.

To read more click on the following link: [http://www.hketosydney.gov.hk/wntem\\_\\_189.php](http://www.hketosydney.gov.hk/wntem__189.php)

### **Hong Kong SAR Government firmly committed to further develop mediation services**

The Department of Justice and the highest level of the current Administration are firmly committed to the further promotion and development of mediation services in Hong Kong, the Secretary for Justice, Mr Rimsy Yuen, SC, said on March 20.

To read more click on the following link: [http://www.hketosydney.gov.hk/wntem\\_\\_188.php](http://www.hketosydney.gov.hk/wntem__188.php)

### **Revisions in the Contractor Management Handbook (CMH), Development Bureau, Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region**

Following is a message from the Development Bureau, Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, for companies or trade associations interested in participating in Hong Kong's infrastructure projects

To read more click on the following link: [http://www.hketosydney.gov.hk/wntem\\_\\_191.php](http://www.hketosydney.gov.hk/wntem__191.php)

### **10 years and counting - a decade of offshore Renminbi business**

It's been 10 years since offshore Renminbi business was launched in Hong Kong. On February 25, 2004, banks in Hong Kong became the first globally to be able to provide personal customers with offshore Renminbi banking services. Since then, the city has firmly established itself as the pioneer and focal point for developing new products and promoting the widespread use of the Mainland China currency around the world

To read more click on the following link: [http://www.hketosydney.gov.hk/wntem\\_\\_186arch.php](http://www.hketosydney.gov.hk/wntem__186arch.php)



### **Financial Secretary targets competitiveness, livelihood issues in Budget**

The Financial Secretary, Mr John C Tsang, today (February 26) unveiled his Budget with wide-ranging measures to boost Hong Kong's economy and sharpen the city's competitive edge. Mr Tsang also unveiled a \$20 billion package of relief measures for various sectors of the community and outlined the Government's financial planning strategy amid an ageing population and shrinking workforce.

To read more click on the following link: [http://www.hketosydney.gov.hk/wntem\\_\\_184arch.php](http://www.hketosydney.gov.hk/wntem__184arch.php)

### **Financial Secretary stresses need for long-term fiscal planning**

The Financial Secretary, Mr John C Tsang, outlined the Government's long-term financial planning strategy in his Budget on February 26. Mr Tsang proposed several measures to avert the risk of the Government incurring a structural deficit in the medium-to-long term in three main areas, namely containing expenditure growth, preserving the revenue base and saving for the future.

To read more click on the following link: [http://www.hketosydney.gov.hk/wntem\\_\\_183arch.php](http://www.hketosydney.gov.hk/wntem__183arch.php)



## SPONSORSHIP

We express our many thanks and appreciation to all our sponsors for 2013. Without them, our events would not have been such a success or even possible.

### 2013 Sponsors:



HKETO  
Government of the HKSAR



HONG KONG TOURISM BOARD  
香港旅遊發展局



HKTDC  
香港貿發局

**MOORE STEPHENS**

*Jeanswest*



Invest**HK**  
The Government of the Hong Kong  
Special Administrative Region

The sponsorship packages for 2014 are now open. Should you be considering a sponsorship opportunity with us, a range of sponsorship packages is available to suit your individual needs. For further details, please contact:

Gary Cheung on 03 9671 7602

or email: [garcheung@deloitte.com.au](mailto:garcheung@deloitte.com.au)