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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

We were pleased to see our members, friends, colleagues and people with shared interests coming together, enjoying themselves and making connections at our recent food and wine appreciation dinner. We received very positive feedback in relation to the event, and we thank you for participating.

It is through your support that the HKABA events are made possible.

The prestigious HKABA (VIC) Business Awards Gala dinner is coming up and the event will be held at Crown Palladium. We look forward to seeing you at the dinner where we will recognise the outstanding achievements of companies which have made significant contributions to trade and investments between Hong Kong SAR/China and Victoria. More details of the event together with the RSVP download link are contained in this newsletter.

Daren Yeoh
Vice-President and Editor





UPCOMING EVENTS

There are a number of events that have been planned for the year. These include:

<i>EVENT</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>VENUE</i>
HKABA VIC Business Awards Gala Dinner	21 August 2015	Crown Palladium
HKABA VIC Annual General Meeting	27 August 2015	ShineWing Australia, Level 10, 530 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000
HKABA Yum Cha	23 October 2015	Shark Finn House, Melbourne CBD
Young Professionals Alliance Event	20 November 2015	TBA
Hong Kong Forum	December 2015	Hong Kong
World SME Expo	December 2015	Hong Kong Convention Centre, Hong Kong

The event dates may be subject to change and other exciting events may be organized by us. Accordingly, keep an eye out for new events in the news and events section of our HKABA (VIC) website.



COMING UP EVENTS

HKABA VIC Business Awards Dinner

This year's Business Awards Dinner will be bigger than its predecessors.

As alluded above, the event will be held on Friday, 21 August at the prestigious Crown Palladium.

We expect more than 300 attendees from industry, Government, professional services and other sectors of the market. There will also be music and other entertainment.

Importantly, we will be recognising the achievements of companies and organisations which have made significant contributions to trade and investments between Victoria and Hong Kong SAR/China.

The awards to be handed out during the night will be for the following categories:

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



We would like to take this opportunity to thank the sponsors of the HKABA (VIC) Business Awards Dinner.



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If you have not already reserve a spot or a table for the event and would like to do so, click on the following link to download the RSVP reply slip: [Click here](#).



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RECENT EVENTS

Food and Wine Appreciation Dinner

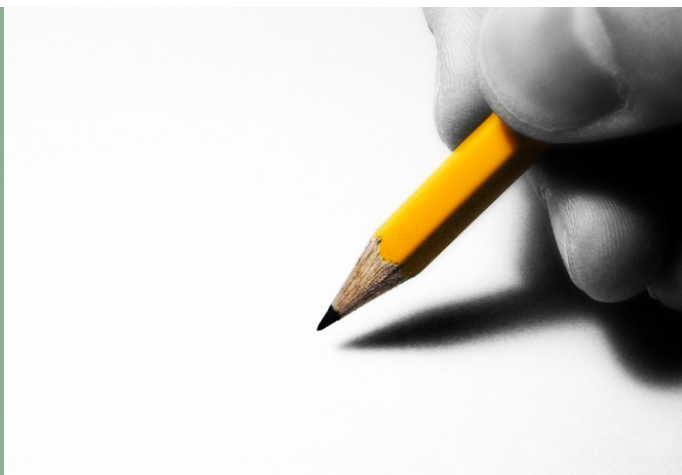
The HKABA (VIC) food and wine appreciation dinner was a wonderful night filled with fun, laughter, games and enjoyment of fine cuisine and wine (at least 8 selections of wine).



Our own Mr Toby Fon was the master of ceremony. Special guest speakers for the night were:

- Mr Bernard Loh, Director, Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office
- Ms Bonnie Shek, Director, Hong Kong Trade Development Council





During the night, tables were served with wine bottles concealed in paper packages and the attendees were asked a variety of questions in relation to the wine they were 'tasting'. Some tasted more than others – to make sure that they got the answers right.



At the end of the night our president, Mr Ivan Lam announced the table winner for the wine games and presented the prize to the winners.

Some lucky winners also won prizes from the raffle which included return flights to Hong Kong sponsored by Cathay Pacific and dinner vouchers to the event venue – Gold Leaf in the Docklands.





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We would like to express our thanks and appreciation to the wine sponsors for the event:

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RECENT EVENTS

HKABA (VIC) Young Professional Alliance - The Entrepreneurial Mindset

On the 8th of April, the HKABA Young Professional Alliance (YPA) Victoria Chapter hosted their first event of the year: The Entrepreneurial Mindset. The popular event was held at the Commonwealth Bank Flagship Branch on Bourke Street.

With the surge in Entrepreneurs amongst the young professionals, the YPA decided to focus this year's events around the idea of entrepreneurship. The event had Mr. Carl Cilia, Director from V&J Menswear talk about the mindset that is required of an Entrepreneur. YPA's very own Chairman Don Chu, Director of Don Chu Photography also shared his experience shifting from being a Tax Consultant to a full time Professional Photographer.

This event was well received by participants, many of which were eager to talk to both of the presenters that night about their own ideas. The event also served as a pre-cursor for our main networking event coming in the latter part of the year. The main event in November will comprise of a panel of 3 entrepreneurs who will share their story and will be open for questions. The YPA would like to thank Tehani Suafoa from the Commonwealth Flagship Branch for her support, Carl Cilia from V&J Menswear and Don Chu from Don Chu Photography for their time and door prize contributions, and Mark Li from Mr. Legacy for his help with the flyer.





RECENT EVENTS

Speed Networking Night

On the 28th of May, the HKABA Young Professional Alliance (YPA) Victoria Chapter hosted their second event of the year: Speed Networking Night. The William Street Westpac branch kindly sponsored a venue for the event.

The event was created with the aim for participants to create many contacts within a short amount of time. Networking events can be daunting at times for many who attend alone where people normally congregate in groups. It can be intimidating for many who have yet to develop soft skills in networking to approach such groups. The speed networking format allowed for a level playing field for every participant. As a result each participant had the opportunity to network with a new young professional every 5 minutes.

The event was a great success with many participants enjoying the format and eagerly asked for when the next YPA event was scheduled. The YPA would like to thank Mosa Gherjestani from the William St Westpac branch for his support, Mark Li from Mr. Legacy for his help with the flyer, and Keith Lam from Netbay for supplying a door prize for the event.





NEWS AND UPDATES

Speech by Chief Executive at reception in celebration of 18th anniversary of establishment of HKSAR.

Following is the translation of the speech by the Chief Executive, Mr C Y Leung, at the reception in celebration of the 18th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre on July 1, 2015.

To read more: [click here](#)

Hong Kong ranks second in Global foreign direct investment flows in new record

In the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) World Investment Report (WIR) 2015, Hong Kong came second in global foreign direct investment (FDI) flows for the first time.

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Hong Kong Government committed to developing cruise tourism

The Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development, Mr Gregory So, highlighted at the welcoming ceremony for the Quantum of the Seas the Government's commitment to invest in cruise tourism development in Hong Kong.

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Hong Kong is ranked world's 2nd most competitive economy

Hong Kong is the world's second most competitive economy, up from the fourth place last year, according to the International Institute for Management Development (IMD) World Competitiveness Yearbook 2015.

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Australia and China signs free trade agreement

The long awaited China-Australia Free Trade Agreement, referred to as ChAFTA, was officially signed on 17 June 2015 after a decade of negotiations. ChAFTA allows for the progressive removal and/or reduction of tariffs and will provide greater access to Australian goods and services as well as increased investment in Australian industry and infrastructure.

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