

# NEWSLETTER 2013-2

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(VICTORIA CHAPTER)

Since our last Newsletter, we have successfully co-hosted the Chinese New Year reception and gathered the young professionals at Little Red Pocket for our regular Young Professionals Group get together. This string of popular events will continue throughout 2013.

I would also like to thank Mr Keith Chan, our media advisor for his assistance in relation to the publication of this Newsletter.

Daren Yeoh  
Vice-President and Editor



## In this Newsletter, we:

- Bring you up to date with the upcoming events
- Shine the spotlight on the Chinese New Year reception
- Keep you in the know about the happenings at the recently held Young Professionals Group Networking Event
- Provide you with news and updates on Hong Kong and other relevant changes

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## 2013 EVENT CALENDAR

The following are some of the upcoming events for 2013:

- Hong Kong Budget Briefing 18 April 2013
- Food and Wine Appreciation Dinner 10 May 2013
- Young Professionals Event - Advancing your professional career 19 June 2013
- Yum Cha Networking function July 2013
- Hong Kong Trade Development Council briefing July 2013
- Annual Business Awards Gala Dinner 23 August 2013
- Young Professionals Group Event September 2013
- Annual General meeting October 2013
- Hong Kong Forum November 2013

Keep an eye out for these events in our regular newsletters or our website.

## UPCOMING EVENT – FOOD AND WINE APPRECIATION DINNER

The food and wine appreciation dinner is one of the most highly anticipated events in HKABA's event calendar. This event is a guaranteed sell-out. This year, we will have a well recognised wine critique sharing his insights and views on the wines we will be tasting. This will be a night that is truly not to be missed.



## UPCOMING EVENT – YOUNG PROFESSIONALS GROUP (YPG) – ADVANCING YOUR PROFESSIONAL CAREER

The next YPG event will be fun, entertaining and educational. We will be inviting a panel of speakers who are senior members or leaders in their respective organisations sharing their experience and insights with the young professionals group on steps one can take to advance his/her professional career.



## CHINESE NEW YEAR RECEPTION

We welcomed and celebrated the Chinese New Year of the Snake on the 27th of February 2013 in the Docklands.

The event was hosted by the:

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

More than 200 members and guests attended the event including Government officials from Australia, Hong Kong and China and business leaders.

Mr Steve Barclay, Director of the Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office representing all hosts for the event opened with a speech and welcomed all guests to the event.

This was then followed by a speech from The Hon Gordon Rich-Phillips MLC, Assistant Treasurer, Minister for Technology and Minister for the Aviation Industry, representing the Premier.

The guests were also provided with an opportunity to participate in the lucky draw with the lucky winners winning the following prizes:

- A Book of Hong Kong House;
- A twelve Chinese zodiac wine cup set; and
- The Grand Prize - return tickets for 2 to Hong Kong on Cathay Pacific Airways and a Michelin Guide to Hong Kong & Macau 2013.





We express our thanks and appreciation to Cathay Pacific for sponsoring the Grand Prize.

Also, in the spirit of celebrating and rejoicing the Chinese New Year, the following hosts and special guests were invited to the stage for a toast:

- Representing the Premier, The Hon Gordon Rich-Phillips MLC, Assistant Treasurer, Minister for Technology and Minister for the Aviation Industry
- The Hon Bruce Atkinson MLC, President of the Legislative Council
- The Hon Ken Smith MLA, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly
- Mr Michael Gidley MP, representing the Minister for Multicultural Affairs
- Mr SHI Weiqiang, Consul-General of the People's Republic of China
- Mr Steve Barclay, Director, HK Economic & Trade Office
- Ms Bonnie Shek, Director, AUS & NZ, HK Trade Development Council
- Ms Miryana Power, Public Relations Manager, Hong Kong Tourism Board
- Mr Simon Pho, President, Hong Kong Australia Business Association (VIC Chapter)
- Mr Cameron Boardman, Head – Australia & New Zealand, Invest Hong Kong



The guests were also entertained with a performance by the Australian Chinese Music Ensemble.

The Australian Chinese Music Ensemble is a well-known Chinese music ensemble established in 1989 in Australia. The Ensemble specialises in Jiangnan sizhu – a traditional musical style prevalent in Shanghai, the Jiangsu province and the Zhejiang province of the Mainland China.

The Ensemble performed the following three music pieces:

1. “Rejoicing”
2. “Purple Bamboo”
3. An Australian piece - “Click Goes the Shears”

The instruments used by the ensemble included:

4. Dizi (Chinese flute );
5. Sheng (Chinese mouth organ);
6. Erhu (Chinese fiddle) and





## HKABA VIC CHAPTER - YOUNG PROFESSIONAL GROUP NETWORKING EVENT

After many weeks of preparation, the Young Professional Group (YPG) hosted its first sell-out event for 2013 – a networking evening at the cocktail, bar and lounge venue 'Little Red Pocket' on the 7th March.



Through a new internet based event management tool, and the use of social media to help promote the event, the evening attracted a large and diverse group of young professionals looking to expand their networks. As a result, this event marked a key milestone for YPG with a record number of attendees – well over 60 young professionals, many being first time guests to a HKABA event. With the Asian themed ambience of the venue as a backdrop, our guests had the opportunity to learn more about YPG and HKABA, and to expand their professionals networks over light refreshments.

The event also gave our guests a glimpse of what's to come from YPG and HKABA in 2013, in particular the Food and Wine evening scheduled in May, and the YPG career

seminar in June attracting a great deal of interest. Special thanks to the subcommittee – Matt, Debbie, Don, Sherry and Celine for their help with pulling the event together, and attracting new faces to the association.

Our focus now turns to the first in our professional seminar series titled 'Advancing Your Career' in June. As always, we are more than happy to discuss YPG with prospective members. If you know of anyone that may be interested in attending our events, please encourage them to get in touch with us - we are always happy to chat over a cup of coffee.

We also express our appreciation and thanks to the Little Red Pocket for making their venue available for the event.



Special thanks to Cathy Hui (chairperson YPG) & Matthew Santosa (sub-committee member YPG) for the contribution of this article. If you have any questions in relation to the YPG, please email: [cathy.hui@nab.com.au](mailto:cathy.hui@nab.com.au)



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## NEWS AND UPDATES

### *Financial secretary unveils economic stimulus measures*

The Financial Secretary, Mr John C Tsang, in his recent Budget predicted a modest economic recovery for Hong Kong in 2013 and announced a range of measures to stimulate economic growth and support the development of established and emerging industries.

To read more click on the following link:  
[http://www.hketosydney.gov.hk/wntem\\_\\_122.php](http://www.hketosydney.gov.hk/wntem__122.php)

### *Asian Forum addresses key global financial, economic issues*

Over 2,000 leaders of finance from more than 40 different countries and territories, and across the spectrums of politics, business and academia today shared insights into the latest global and regional economic and financial development at the Asian Financial Forum (AFF).

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[http://www.hketosydney.gov.hk/wntem\\_\\_115arch.php](http://www.hketosydney.gov.hk/wntem__115arch.php)

### *Hong Kong ranked world's freest economy for the 19th consecutive year*

The acting Financial Secretary, Professor K C Chan, today (January 10) welcomed the ranking of Hong Kong as the freest economy in the world for the 19th consecutive year by the Heritage Foundation. According to the 2013 Index of Economic Freedom released today, Hong Kong scored 89.3 (on a scale from 0 to 100), well above the global average of 59.6.

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[http://www.hketosydney.gov.hk/wntem\\_\\_114arch.php](http://www.hketosydney.gov.hk/wntem__114arch.php)

### *The significant investor visa – new opportunities for investors and fund managers*

On 24th November 2012, the Government launched a new investment pathway, the Significant Investor Visa, in order to attract high net worth individuals and investors to Australia.

The new investment pathway will open up doors for overseas investors seeking to immigrate to Australia, and is seen as a strong initiative to inject capital into the Australian economy.

The visa also provides opportunities for fund managers to promote their investment products to visa applicants and holders, under the condition that the fund is compliant with the investment criteria, and has been certified for the purpose of the visa.

To read more click on the following link:  
<http://www.moorestephens.com.au/resources/significant-investor-visa-%E2%80%93-new-opportunities-investors-and-fund-managers>