



## HONG KONG AUSTRALIA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (VICTORIA CHAPTER)

### NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2010

*Note from the Editor: Welcome to 2010 to our current and newly signed members. Welcome to what is going to be an extraordinary year of events for HKABA (Victorian Branch).*

*I also extend a welcome to those many readers of our web site who are considering joining our Branch. I urge you to take the advantage of the increasing benefits of membership as soon as possible.*

*Our 'blue chip' event for 2010 will again be the Business Awards Gala Dinner. Given the evening's extraordinary success last year can I ask you to lock this into your diaries as soon as possible? It will be truly a magnificent evening.*

*Included in this newsletter is an invitation from Pius Fan, the Chair of our new Young Professionals Group. The branch is establishing this new exciting initiative to provide an extended forum for members.*

*In this Newsletter there are contributions on:*

- *Our 2010 Calendar of events*
- *Food and Wine Appreciation Dinner.*
- *Membership and New Members*
- *2010 Membership Survey*
- *HKABA Victoria Chapter Young Professionals Branch*
- *Discounts on Visiting HK Trade Fairs in April 2010*

*In the next edition we will be featuring an interview with Simon Pho, the HKABA (Victorian Chapter) President and our first member interview.*

*If you would like to be interviewed about your interests in using the HKABA to further your business interests in Hong Kong please email me at [dmcgowan@insyncsurveys.com.au](mailto:dmcgowan@insyncsurveys.com.au).*

*Des McGowan*

## 2010 CALENDAR EVENTS

The Committee has worked diligently to draw a comprehensive and exciting package of events to cater to all tastes!! Successful events have been retained and new events have been added to our calendar of events.

As we go to press we are still finalising the details for some of these following events. As dates and arrangements are confirmed we will be advising members through our web site and the newsletter. Stay tuned!!!

Event	Timing	Venue
Chinese New Year Reception	22 February 2010	Sofitel Hotel
Hong Kong Wine Cocktail	18 March 2010	Melbourne Town Hall
Hong Kong Budget Briefing	April	TBA
Food & Wine Appreciation Dinner	21 May 2010	Shark Fin House
HKABA Yum Cha Networking Function	June	TBA
Business Awards Gala Dinner	20 August 2010	Crown
Movie Night	September	TBA
Annual General Meeting	October	Moore Stephens
Hong Kong Forum	November	TBA

## HONG KONG FOOD AND WINE APPRECIATION DINNER



Our first Food and Wine Appreciation Dinner will be held on Friday the 21st of May at Shark Fin House in the City. Proudly sponsored by the Hong Kong Government through Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) and Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (HKETO), this networking event will help to promote Hong Kong as a duty free hub for the wine industry. Based around a 7 course dinner catering for approximately 170 members, a specially chosen wine will accompany each delicious dish. 2 rounds of wine guessing games will be played by each table with certificates of merit and prizes awarded to the winning teams. An entertaining and fun-filled night for all wine enthusiasts!

## MEMBERSHIP:

### WELCOME TO 2010

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*Daren Yeoh; Membership Committee Chair:*

*On behalf of the HKABA, I would like to wish all our members a happy new year and hope that we all achieve our new goals for 2010. We also extend our warmest welcome to new members and express our thanks and appreciation for the continuing support of all HKABA members and friends.*

*Our membership base has grown strongly in 2009. We expect similar growth in memberships in 2010. At the HKABA, we are focused on the development of the business and knowledge of our members. There are informational and networking events planned for 2010 which should not be missed. I encourage all members to attend these functions. Also, to ensure that you receive notification of the HKABA events and continue to enjoy member benefits, please ensure that your subscription is up to date.*

### NEW MEMBERS

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We are proud to introduce the following new members who have joined this month:

- **Vincent Cheng**, Director - **Clean TQ Pty Ltd**
- **Richard Gross**, General Manager – **Citipower&Powercorp**
- **Simon Lucas**, Company Secretary – **Citipower&Powercorp**
- **Lisa Boston**, CEO – **Cracked Pepper**
- **Markie Bryant**, Creative Director – **Cracked Pepper**
- **Louise McGrath**, National Development Manager – **Australian Industry Group**
- **John Filippo**, Chartered Accountant – **Filippo Chartered Accountants**
- **Gabrial Rvta**, Accountant – **Filippo Chartered Accountants**
- **Ling Tam**, Director – **Fortune Emperor Group**
- **Ken Fung**, Director – **Net Balance**
- **Kristen Simpson**, Associate Director – **Net Balance**
- **Suzy Chu**, Quantity Surveyor – **WT Partnership**

If you wish to become a member of the Victoria Chapter, please email the Membership Sub-Committee, Daren Yeoh on [dyeoh@moorestephens.com.au](mailto:dyeoh@moorestephens.com.au).

### MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

Insync Surveys have kindly offered to conduct another Membership Survey. This survey was conducted initially in 2009 and the data provided by the members enabled the Committee to focus on issues of interest to members.

When ready to be launched the survey will be advertised on our website and in the March newsletter so stay tuned.

The survey will again be anonymous and online.

## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS BRANCH

*My name is Pius, and I am the Young Professional Chairman of the Hong Kong Australian Business Association (HKABA). Only a few years ago I was a committee member of the International Commerce Student Society ("ICSS") for a few consecutive years.*

*Back then we always wanted to find pathways to broaden our horizon but often it is hard to persuade large corporations to spend time with ICSS members, other than the brunch we organised with the big 4 accounting firms each year. This is why I am delighted to work closely with students this year in expanding the pathways where students can meet and greet with experienced industry professionals who are HKABA members.*

*Please find attached an invitation for ICSS's members. The future needs young talent and HKABA is keen to play a part in developing the newer generation. Please contact me for further information. It would be convenient if you can provide a direct contact for me for future discussions.*

*Warm regards,  
Pius Fan [pius\\_fan@yahoo.com.au](mailto:pius_fan@yahoo.com.au)*

## CHINESE NEW YEAR FUNCTION



**KUNG HEI FAT CHOI**

*You are cordially invited to attend a*

## **CHINESE NEW YEAR RECEPTION**

*jointlyorganised by*

**Hong Kong-Australia Business Association - VIC Chapter**

**Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office**

**Hong Kong Trade Development Council**

**Hong Kong Tourism Board**



**onMonday, 22ndFebruary 2010, from 5.30 pm to 7:30 pm**

**atSofitel Melbourne, 25 Collins St, Melbourne VIC 3000**

**Dress: Lounge suit**

**Cost: \$50.00 per person(GST incl.) for member and \$60.00 for non-member**

### **8 GOOD REASONS TO VISIT HKTDC HONG KONG TRADE FAIRS IN APRIL 2010**

**Enjoy up to HKD1,800 Hotel Sponsorship\* or HKD1,800 Travel Reimbursement\* (CONDITIONS APPLY)**

#### **HKABA Member Benefits!!!!**

Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC) Sydney Office is calling on Australian companies to visit the following HKTDC Trade Shows in Hong Kong in April.

Trade Fair	Date	Website
HKTDC Hong Kong Electronics Fair (Spring Edition)	13-16 April	<a href="http://www.hktdc.com/fair/hkelectronicfairse-en">http://www.hktdc.com/fair/hkelectronicfairse-en</a>
HK ICT EXPO	13-16 April	<a href="http://ictexpo.hktdc.com/">http://ictexpo.hktdc.com/</a>
HKTDC Hong Kong International Lighting Fair (Spring Edition)	13-16 April	<a href="http://www.hktdc.com/fair/hklightingfairse-en/">http://www.hktdc.com/fair/hklightingfairse-en/</a>
HKTDC Hong Kong International Home Textiles Fair	20-23 April	<a href="http://hkhome textilesfair.hktdc.com/">http://hkhome textilesfair.hktdc.com/</a>
HKTDC Hong Kong Houseware Fair	20-23 April	<a href="http://hkhousewarefair.hktdc.com/">http://hkhousewarefair.hktdc.com/</a>
World of Pet Supplies	20-23 April	<a href="http://worldofpetsupplies.hktdc.com/">http://worldofpetsupplies.hktdc.com/</a>
HKTDC Hong Kong Gifts & Premium Fair	27-30 April	<a href="http://hkgiftspremiumfair.hktdc.com/">http://hkgiftspremiumfair.hktdc.com/</a>
Hong Kong International Printing & Packaging Fair	27-30 April	<a href="http://hkprintpackfair.hktdc.com/">http://hkprintpackfair.hktdc.com/</a>





The following incentives are available to your members and business contacts

- HKD1,800 Hotel Sponsorship **to help cover the cost of your stay in our selected hotels OR**
- HKD1,800 Travel Reimbursement(CONDITIONS APPLY)
- **VIP Card to access Dragon Lounge to enjoy free internet, light snacks and meeting rooms**
- **Free Admission Badge**
- **Invite to any special cocktail networking events like opening ceremony**
- **Free Business Matching to help find business partners in Hong Kong**

Register now to enjoy the Special Offers before February 26.If you have any queries, please contactMr. Peter Bosevski or Ms Toni Wade on email [peter.bosevski@hktcd.org](mailto:peter.bosevski@hktcd.org) or [toni.wade@hktcd.org](mailto:toni.wade@hktcd.org) or [sydney.office@hktcd.org](mailto:sydney.office@hktcd.org) or 02-92611-8911