



HONG KONG AUSTRALIA BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (VICTORIA CHAPTER)

NEWSLETTER MAY 2010

Note from the Editor

Welcome to the May edition of the HKABA Vic Newsletter. 2010 only gets better for HKABA Vic members!!

In this Newsletter:

- *There are reviews on two recent HKABA Vic functions:*
 - *March 21: Hong Kong Budget briefing*
 - *March 18: Hong Kong Wine Seminar & Wine Tasting Session*
- *We bring you details on two forthcoming 'must attend' functions:*
 - *May 21: Food and Wine Appreciation Dinner*
 - *August 20: HKABA Annual Business Awards Gala Dinner*
- *We bring you details on the now launched 2010 Membership Survey:*
- *We update you on new members and membership fees.*

Don't forget to contact me if you would like to be interviewed for a future edition of the Newsletter.

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HONG KONG WINE SEMINAR & WINE TASTING SESSION

HKABA members and friends attended the HKABA-VIC Chapter wine seminar and wine tasting event at the Melbourne Town Hall on Thursday, March 18. The event was arranged in conjunction with the Hong Kong Trade Development Council, the City of Melbourne and the State Government of Victoria.



The function featured the Chairman of the Hong Kong Wine Centre and a Hong Kong Wine delegation. This function supported the incredible economic focus that the wine industry has in the Hong Kong economy following the Hong Kong government's abolition of the Hong Kong Wine Tax.



Members thoroughly enjoyed hearing about and tasting a range of new wines. As a bonus, leading edge wine-growers appreciated the opportunity to speak directly with HKABA members.



HONG KONG 2010 BUDGET BRIEFING

On April 7, members and guests were able to listen to a first hand briefing on the 2010 Hong Kong Budget by Lorna Wong, Director of the Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office. Lorna gave a comprehensive overview of new government initiatives and spoke warmly of the traditional strong business environment that has returned to Hong Kong following the Global Financial Crisis.



The function was supported by Moore Stephens. Daren Yeoh, a Director of the international firm, gave a compelling address on the role of Hong Kong in international tax structuring involving Australian multinational groups.



Cameron Boardman from Invest Hong Kong was a welcome guest and made a brief presentation.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MAY 21: FOOD AND WINE APPRECIATION DINNER

Our first Food and Wine Appreciation Dinner will be held on Friday the 21st of May at Sharkfin House in the City. Proudly sponsored by the Hong Kong Government through Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC), Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office (HKETO) and Red & White, and CitiPower and Powercor Australia, 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. 7 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! There has been very strong interest in the event and there are only a few empty spots left. Accordingly, members are advised to register early to secure a booking for this event.



We would like to express our thanks and gratitude to the following sponsors of the HKABA Food and Wine Appreciation Dinner.



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AUGUST 20: HONG KONG AUSTRALIA BUSINESS AWARDS GALA DINNER: CROWN HOTEL



This awesome event is rapidly approaching and members and interested companies are urged to lodge their applications for attendance, for sponsorship or for nomination as soon as possible.

Closing date for HKABA Business Awards

Company Nomination: 15th May 2010

Closing date for HKABA Business Awards

Sponsorship: Wednesday 14th April 2010



For details of these and other events please check our web site often.

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP:

Pius Fan continues to develop our Young Professional Group.

Feel free to contact Pius (pius_fan@yahoo.com.au) for further information on this growing group.

MEMBERSHIP:

NEW MEMBERS

Daren Yeoh: Membership Committee Chair:

On behalf of the HKABA, I extend our warmest welcome to the following new members of the Victorian Chapter of the HKABA.

- *Mr Zhen Wei Yang*
- *Mr Jonathan Wong, Pacific Fish (SA) Pty Ltd*
- *Mr Anthony Klein, Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers*
- *Mr Ivan Lam, Manager, Westpac Banking Corporation*
- *Ms Christine Lau, Lawyer*

MEMBERSHIP FEES FOR 2010/2011 (EFFECTIVE FROM 1ST JULY 2010)

Corporate Membership: \$400 (including GST and nomination of 3 members from same company same state)

Individual membership: \$200 (including GST)

Student membership: \$30 (including GST)

Please note membership renewal can be made electronically via the Association's website www.hkaba.com.au

HKABA VIC AND INSYNC SURVEYS LAUNCH THE 2010 MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

The 2010 membership survey has now been launched. The survey will be advertised on our website. The survey will again be anonymous and online.

The survey can be reached at the following link:

<http://surveys.insyncsurveys.com.au/surveys/HKABAMembershipSurvey2010/>

We encourage you to participate in completing this invaluable survey.

Please contact me for any inquiries re the survey.



“MEMBERS’ CORNER”

Do you have a Hong Kong story or message to share with other members?
Contact me (at dmcgowan@insyncsurveys.com.au) and I will interview you about your messages for other members.

NEW SEGMENT!!

Are there any issues that members would like to see referred to in every edition of this newsletter?

Contact me!! (at dmcgowan@insyncsurveys.com.au).