



CITCSA Flash

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New CITCSA Board 2008/2009 elected at AGM

Mr John McLachlan from the Hong Kong Australia Business Association (SA), Mr Ken Meek from the Australia India Business Council (SA), Mr Leon Coppins from the African Chamber of Commerce and Mr Teo Spiniello from the Italian Chamber of Commerce were elected to the CITCSA Board at the CITCSA AGM on Wednesday September 24th 2008. They join fellow elected member Mr Steve Marafiotte representing the Australia Arab Chamber of Commerce, who is half way through his two year term, and appointed members Mr Wayne Parham (DTED), Mr Chris Rees (Austrade), and Ms Penny Gale (Business SA).

At the Annual General Meeting, CITCSA Chairman Mr Nick Begakis AM paid special tribute to retiring Board member Ms Irena Zhang from the Australia Asia Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He said that he hoped that her passion for her chamber and CITCSA will continue past her official involvement on the Board.

The Chairman said that we will also farewell Chris Rees in December as the Austrade representative on the CITCSA Board for the past five years when he leaves Adelaide to take up the position of Australian Consul-General in Osaka, Japan. Chris has been a passionate supporter of the CITCSA concept, and has chaired our CITCSA Awards judging panel for the past 3 years.

Mr Brian Cunningham, Chief Executive of Department of Trade and Economic Development, was the guest speaker at this years Annual General Meeting. He praised CITCSA Chairman Nick Begakis and CITCSA member organisations for their commitment and contribution to increasing trade for South Australia.

2008 Hong Kong Forum

The 9th Hong Kong Forum will be held in Hong Kong from October 30 -31st 2008 which will be preceded by a business mission to Fujian province in southeast China from 27 -29th October. The Deputy Lord Mayor Ms Sue Clearihan will now lead this years South Australia's delegation of 26 business people to the event.

The Hong Kong Forum is the international networking event of all the Hong Kong Business Associations from around the world which attracts over 500 people. Highlights of this years' HK Forum will include the Star Leaders panel discussion, Outstanding Business Panel discussion, thematic workshop on retail and distribution, the 6 minute business dating session, a briefing with the Australian Consul General in HK and visit to the Eco Expo Asia fair. More information about the Forum is available from www.hkfederation.org.hk/forum/forum2008 or contact Ian Mathison in Adelaide ph 0411519757 or email hkabasa@hkabasa.asn.au about packages to attend from SA.

Port of Melbourne new CITCSA supporter

Port of Melbourne is Australia's largest container and general cargo port, handling around 36% of the nation's container trade. Forty-two container shipping lines, as well as a number of other general cargo carriers, make around 3200 ship calls a year to Melbourne, providing services to ports in all major parts of the world.

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For further information about Port of Melbourne's services and capabilities, please contact Trudy Elliott, Trade Facilitation Manager SA on (08) 8237 0503 or by email on

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Mr John McLachlan from
HKABA, new CITCSA
Board member



Mr Brian Cunningham,
Chief Executive with
Department of Trade and
Economic Development,
speaking at the CITCSA
AGM.



Mr Gerard Heib, Chair of SA Chapter of Australia Arab Chamber of Commerce and Industry



Mr Francis Elekwachi, President of African Chamber of Commerce, meeting with His Excellency Professor Sunday Olu Agbi, High Commissioner of the Federal Republic of Nigeria at Enterprise House.

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New Chairman for Australia Arab Chamber of Commerce and Industry SA

Mr Gerard Heib is the new Chairman for the SA Chapter of the Australia Arab Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He replaces Dr Minerva Nasser - Eddine who has stepped down for business reasons.

Food Mission to Dubai in February 2009

The Australian Arab Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SA) in association with CITCSA invites food producers, suppliers and food service providers to participate in a food trade mission to Dubai in February 21 – 23rd 2009 in conjunction with Gulfoods February 23 – 26th 2009. The mission will introduce participants to the food and food service market in Dubai in the Middle East with industry visits to hotels, restaurants, supermarkets, retail outlets and the sea and air ports.

The mission leader is Mr Steve Marafiotte, Managing Director of Australian Quality Plus and an AACCI member, who will provide insights into how he has developed a successful business with major clients in the Middle East. Steve established his own business in 2004 as an Adelaide based perishable food specialist company catering to some of the most discerning foodservice customers in the world including the Royal Palace of Dubai, Emirates Airline, The Burj Al Arab 7 Star hotel, and other 5 star hotels in the region. His company assists hotels with food costing, menu development, and product demonstration and promotion.

The cost of participating in the mission is \$660 plus an airfare/accommodation package. For more information and to register your interest in participating in the mission, contact Barry Salter, Executive Manager at CITCSA on ph 83000110 or email barry.salter@citcsa.org.au

Global Horizons – Export Opportunities Conference

The first one day "Global Horizons – Export Opportunities" Conference will be held on Monday 20th October at the Adelaide Convention Centre from 9am – 6.30pm

This is full day conference organised by the Department of Trade & Economic Development and features guest speakers including Hon Kevin Foley MP, Deputy Premier & Minister for Industry & Trade, Mr Brian Cunningham, Chief Executive of DTED and Mr Adam Elliot, Academy Award winner, Harvey Krumpet.

The conference includes a panel forum with South Australia's overseas Trade Managers, structured presentations on exporting & trade, case studies and networking sessions. Business SA will be launching their "Women of the World" initiative during the event.

An International Trade exhibition will be on view throughout the day where information on services and products available to exporters will be on display.

The Council for International Trade & Commerce SA and its members will be displaying information about member activities, forthcoming trade missions and general information about the international chambers of commerce in SA.

The cost for delegates attending is \$100 which includes morning & afternoon tea, lunch and the cocktail function. More details and registration at www.southaustralia.biz/globalhorizons

2008 Business SA Export Awards

The Business SA Export Awards celebrate exporting excellence in South Australia by paying tribute to some of the most dynamic and innovative businesses in this State.

Winners of the Business SA Export Awards automatically progress as national finalists to the 2008 Australian Export Awards. These winners will be announced at the Business SA Annual Dinner which will be held 24 October 2008 from 6.30pm at the Adelaide Convention Centre.

Keynote speaker Cheryl Bart, will inspire guests with her own journey to new heights as she gives an insight into her journey to conquer Mount Everest. Guy Sebastian will perform on the night, accompanied by the Klemzig Singing Choir.

For information and tickets details, please visit www.business-sa.com

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