



CITCSA Flash

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2008 CITCSA AWARDS WINNERS

Congratulations to all our winners and finalists for the 2008 CITCSA Awards, announced last Friday September 5th at the Holiday Inn Adelaide as follows:

INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF THE YEAR

Winner - Australia India Business Council - SA Chapter

Other finalists - Australia Arab Chamber of Commerce and Industry – SA
- Australia China Business Council SA Chapter
- Chinese Chamber of Commerce SA

Award sponsor – *SA Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission*

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR

Winner - Mr Brian Hayes QC

Other finalist – Mr Mark Harvey

Award Sponsor – *Department of Trade & Economic Development*

SMALL OR EMERGING CHAMBER AWARD

Winner - French Australia Chamber of Commerce and Industry – SA Chapter

Other finalists - African Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Australia New Zealand Business Council SA
- Thailand South Australia Business Council

Award sponsor – *Export Finance and Insurance Corporation*

FOOD AND WINE AWARD

Winner – Hong Kong Australia Business Association – SA Chapter

Award sponsor – *Le Cordon Bleu*

JUDGES RECOGNITION AWARD

Thailand South Australia Business Council

LONG-TERM OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION BY AN INDIVIDUAL AWARD

Mr Chris Rees



Hon Kevin Foley with Mr Ken Meek, President of Australia India Business Council and Ms Rajini Wood from AIBC.



Mr Brian Hayes QC with Mr Brian Cunningham, Chief Executive, Department of Trade and Economic Development.



Mr Philippe Gravier, Vice President, and Mr Jean-Michel Favre, President of the French Australia Chamber of Commerce and Industry SA celebrating their win.



L-R Hon Kevin Foley, Mr Nick Gurner, General Manager, Le Cordon Bleu, and Mr Patrick Ho, President of Hong Kong Australia Business Association SA



Hon Kevin Foley, Deputy Premier, Mr Chris Rees, Austrade and Mr Nick Begakis AM, Chairman of CITCSA

AWARDS PRESENTATION NIGHT



Mrs and Mr Bushra and Falsal Chaundry

“Meet the Faces
Behind the Faces”

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Last Friday nights' Annual CITCSA Awards Presentation Dinner event held at the Holiday Inn Adelaide, was a great fun night that acknowledged the outstanding achievements of CITCSA member organisations.

The Hon Kevin Foley, Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Industry and Trade, in delivering his keynote address, praised CITCSA member organisations for their work. He said that “South Australia could not compete with other states in their spending to attract trade and nor should we. But South Australia has a unique set of skills to offer with organisations like CITCSA who have been supported by both sides of government in SA for over 14 years.”

Mr Nick Begakis AM, Chairman of CITCSA welcomed guests and acknowledged our valuable sponsors. He thanked the Deputy Premier for his personal support of CITCSA and for the Government's support, and congratulated all finalists and winners of the 2008 CITCSA Awards.

Ms Deb Tribe from ABC Radio 891 did an excellent job as MC for the evening. The evening featured an exclusive Adelaide appearance by comedian Hung Le from Melbourne, and local African drummers “Djef Djel”. Guests enjoyed a four course meal with tasting plates for entrée and dessert and a choice of main course. Premium wines were provided by the Barossa region.

It was terrific to see many of our members take up the opportunity to wear National dress and theme their tables, which made for a colourful night. Congratulations to **Bushra and Falsal Chaundry from the Australia India Business Council** who won the best ethnic dress individual prize in their glorious traditional Indian outfits. Francis Elekwachi from the African Chamber of Commerce won second prize. Congratulations to the **Business SA** table who won the best themed table for their Australian theme.

Ms Geraldine Cox AM made a passionate presentation about the work of the Sunrise Children's Villages Australia Cambodian Foundation. The Charity Raffle offering 16 great prizes raised \$6300 for the Foundation thanks to the generosity of our prize donors and ticket purchasing guests. The major prize of a trip to Hong Kong was generously donated by Mrs Janet Chin from **Tee Lee Travel** in Gouger Street.

VIP guests attending the evening included CITCSA Patron, His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce, AC CSC RANR, Governor of SA ; Mr Hieu Van Le, Lieutenant-Governor of SA and Chairman, SA Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission; Mr Martin Hamilton-Smith MP, Leader of Opposition; Mr Kris Hanna, MP; Mr Brian Cunningham, Chief Executive DTED; Mr Chris Rees Australian Consul - General designate to Osaka, Japan; Mr John Michel, State Director, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Mr Geoff Knight, CEO, PIRSA; and Mr Greg Kelly, State Director, Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

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