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Hong Kong Australia Business Association wins Award at HK Forum

The South Australian Chapter of the Hong Kong Australia Business Association has won an Outstanding Initiative Award which was presented at the Hong Kong Forum in November. The award was given for the Chapter's food and wine appreciation dinner which is designed to promote SA wines to complement Chinese style food, as well as be a networking and fundraising event. Victor Moo, President of the HKABA accepted the award in Hong Kong.

The SA Chapter took a record 28 registered delegates to this years Forum in Hong Kong which was headed by the Lord Mayor of Adelaide The Right Honourable Michael Harbison.

Romania and Bulgaria join the European Union

On 1st January 2007, Romania and Bulgaria joined the European Union. The two countries have successfully met the accession criteria and were officially welcomed as members of the EU at the start of this month.

Mr Gabriel Vadean is relaunching the Romania Chamber of Commerce in South Australia. He is currently in Bucharest and he can be contacted on his return to Australia in February on 0419 823 064 or email gvadean@hotmail.com

The Ambassador to the European Commission in Australia and New Zealand His Excellency Mr Bruno Julien will be visiting South Australia on 8th February 2007.

Iran Chamber of Commerce to form

The Australia Iran Chamber of Commerce is being formed in Adelaide to promote the development of trade, commerce and investment between Australia and Iran, and boost existing commercial relationships with a focus on the private sector.

Interested businesses and people should contact Mr Hossein Kazemi by phone on 8277 7856 or 0425 334 364, or by email kazi64@bigpond.com

Inaugural Coober Pedy Gem Trade Show 2007

The inaugural Coober Pedy Gem Trade Show will be held in Coober Pedy on 6th and 7th April 2007. The 2007 Gem Trade show will immediately follow the 5th National Opal Symposium from April 3rd – 5th and be held in conjunction with the annual Coober Pedy Opal Festival. Great opportunity for inbound business visitors to attend. For more information see www.opalcapitaloftheworld.com.au

Further Liberalising of Trade between Australia and New Zealand

New rules of origin arrangements under Australia New Zealand Closer Economic Relations Trade Agreement (ANZCERTA) which simplify the administration of current rules for exporters and importers came into effect on 1st January 2007. See www.customs.gov.au under *import export* directory heading for details of new rules. Importers and exporters can elect to continue to trade under the old rules until 2012 if preferred.

Exporters and business people interested in joining the soon to be formed Australia New Zealand Business Council SA should contact Alistair McFarlane on 0438 373 301.

Food Samples Export Logistics Brochure

To further assist in the growth of perishable food exports from South Australia, the Department of Trade and Economic Development in collaboration with the SA Freight Council has developed a guide on how to fly samples of perishable food to a range of export destinations. A PDF version of the brochure can be downloaded at www.southaustralia.biz/contact/register.htm

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