



CITCSA Flash

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L-R: Mr Barry Salter, (CITCSA), His Excellency Mr Bruno Julien, Ambassador of the Delegation of the European Commission, and Mrs Monique Julien.

European Commission in Australia

His Excellency Mr Bruno Julien, Ambassador of the Delegation of the European Commission made a presentation about the European Union and met with CITCSA member organisations and members of the international community on Thursday February 8th at Enterprise House. Mr Julien said that the EU is Australia's largest trading partner, and some 2300 EU companies have a presence in Australia, which contributes to some 400,000 jobs.

With the addition of Bulgaria and Romania, the EU now has 27 member states and a population of 490 million. There will be a number of events and visits held this year to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the treaty of Rome, which set up the European Economic Community, which became the EU. The evening concluded with some robust discussion about the role and policies of the European Commission, and its relationship with the Australian government.

Mr Teo Spiniello from the Italian Chamber of Commerce and CITCSA Board member presented a vote of thanks to the Ambassador together with a bottle of Barossa wine from CITCSA.

Chinese New Year – Year of the Pig

The Year of the Pig starts on February 18th 2007, and ends on February 6th 2008. People born in the year of the pig (1911 – 1923 – 1935 – 1947 – 1959 – 1971 – 1983) are often hard working and straight forward. They are splendid companions, intellectual with a very strong need to set difficult goals and carry them out. Pigs are sincere, tolerant and honest, and they expect to see these attributes in others. They are also incredibly naïve, and their quest for material goods can be their downfall. *Thanks to Leonie McKeon at Chinese Language and Cultural Advice for this information.*

Many CITCSA member organisations are holding functions in February to celebrate Chinese New Year. See our events calendar at www.citcsa.org.au for details.

New Austrade Website

The Australian Government's export promotion agency Austrade has launched its rebuilt website at www.austrade.gov.au

Austrade CEO Mr Peter O'Byrne said that the new site is part of Austrade's ongoing efforts to enhance the effectiveness and usability of its internet presence, particularly for Australian businesses seeking export assistance. There are some good success stories on the new site, and it is easy to navigate to find information about Australian and international events.

Olivier Foubert receives OAM

Mr Olivier Foubert OAM was awarded with a Medal of the Order of Australia as announced in the recent Australia Day Honours list. His outstanding service to business, tourism and to the community has been acknowledged by France and Australia.

Mr Foubert was a driving force of the French-Australian Business Club of SA, and highly visible in the promotion of the understanding of French culture and highly active in the development of bilateral trade links between Australia and France.

Current contact for the French Australia Business Club in SA is Mr Don Hele Ph: 0412 188 062

Mission to HOFEX in May 2007

A trade mission to attend the HOFEX food expo in Hong Kong from May 13–16 2007 is being organised by the Hong Kong Australia Business Association in SA and the Australian Asian Chamber of Commerce and Industry SA in association with Food Adelaide. An add on business trip to southern China is being considered. Contact Ian Mathison at HKABA on Ph: 0411 519 757 or ian_mathison@iinet.net.au or Irena Zhang from AACCI on Ph: 08 8231 8211 or irenazhang@bigpond.com for more information.

CITCSA Marketing Officer position

There is a part time (10 hours) position available as CITCSA's Marketing Officer. The role involves assisting with CITCSA marketing, and organisation of events.

Please contact Erin Hoye, Events and Administration Officer for a job description. Email: erin.hoye@citcsa.org.au or Ph: 08 8300 0110.

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