



## CITCSA Flash

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L – R, CITCSA Chairman Mr Nick Begakis AM : Mr Hossein Kazemi, President of the Australia Iran Chamber of Commerce and Industries; Mr Barry Salter, Executive Manager CITCSA

### Australian Iran Chamber of Commerce and Industries joins CITCSA

Congratulations to the Australian Iran Chamber of Commerce and Industries that has now been formed in Australia, and is based in Adelaide, South Australia. It has joined CITCSA as a new member.

Its objectives are to develop and promote trade and investment between Australia and Iran, and to provide a forum in which Iran business executives working in Australia, and Australian executives with business interests in Iran, can identify, discuss and pursue common interests. Members of the Committee of the Australian Iran Chamber have good business connections in Iran, and can assist local businesses. More information about AICCI is available from [www.austiran.org](http://www.austiran.org) or contact Mr Kazemi ph 0425334364.

### Malaysia Business Roundtable

A Business Roundtable entitled *"Making the Leap towards Greater Competitiveness"* will be held for business leaders with the Government of Malaysia to discuss high-level strategic and operational decision-making in Malaysia and Southeast Asia on July 9-10 in Kuala Lumpur. An opportunity to discuss Malaysia's future with Prime Minister Badawi and his team. Other speakers include the Governor of the Central Bank of Malaysia, the Head, Asia Pacific, Nokia Siemens Networks, the Director - Singapore, Corporate Network, Economist Intelligence Unit. Other speakers are from 3M, Boeing, Citibank Malaysia, Procter and Gamble.

Details from: [www.economistconferences.com](http://www.economistconferences.com)

The Australia Malaysia Business Council is a supporting organisation. Professor Hock Tan has resigned as President of the Australian Malaysia Business Council in SA after many years of service as he is leaving the state of SA. Thank you Professor Tan for your support of CITCSA during your time here.

### 9<sup>th</sup> World Chinese Entrepreneurs Convention

The 9<sup>th</sup> World Chinese Entrepreneurs Convention will be held this year in Japan from September 15 – 17<sup>th</sup> 2007 in Kobe and Osaka. This biannual forum was first held in 1991 in Singapore, and is a forum for overseas Chinese entrepreneurs to enhance economic cooperation and promote better understanding of and focus on economic and cultural issues pertaining to Chinese entrepreneurship.

For full itinerary, package costs and spouse/partners program, contact Angela at 84105838. For other enquiries, contact Mr K See, Deputy President, Chinese Chamber of Commerce, ph 84105838. [www.chinesechamber.com.au](http://www.chinesechamber.com.au)

### New Russian Australian Representative Council

Mr Walter Lebedew OAM, a long serving Board Member of CITCSA, has been endorsed as a Board Member of the newly formed Russian Australian Representative Council and will represent the South Australian Russian community. This new body is supported by the Russian Federation as the peak body for Russian ethnic organisations in all Australia.

Mr Lebedew as Secretary of the Russian-Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, attended the Gala Ambassadorial Reception on the occasion of Russia Day, on June 12<sup>th</sup> held at the Commonwealth Club, Canberra and hosted by His Excellency, Ambassador of the Russian Federation.

Plans are underway for Board Members of the Council to meet with Russian Federation President, Mr Vladimir Putin, during his visit to Sydney for the APEC Meeting in Sept.



Mr Walter Lebedew OAM



L-R; Mr Greg Kelly, State Director, Dept of Immigration and Citizenship; Mr Nick Begakis AM, Chairman of CITCSA; Hon Teresa Gambaro, Federal Assistant Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, and Mr Hieu Van Le, Chairman of SA Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission.

12 representatives of CITCSA member organizations met with the Assistant Minister on June 7<sup>th</sup> to discuss working visas and support SA's special regional status.

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## International Business Week August 6 – 17<sup>th</sup> 2007

The annual UniSA International Business Week will be held in South Australia, August 6 – 17th 2007. The program features thirty nine events being held in the Adelaide Metropolitan area and five events being held in regional South Australia. New events for 2007 include sessions on “Doing Business with our nearest neighbour Indonesia”, “The Environmental Impact of your exports to the EU”, “Exporting Services Panel discussion”, “An Inconvenient Truth - Is it Business as Usual for Exporters”, “Halal Opportunities” and “Totally Wired – Doing Business in the Modern World”. The full program is now released in hard copy or available from [www.unisaibw.com.au](http://www.unisaibw.com.au) where you can book.

CITCSA is again holding its popular International Trade and Commerce Expo at the Rockford Hotel on Wednesday August 8th from 5pm – 7pm. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet representatives of international chambers of commerce and business councils based in South Australia and obtain information and join.

This is a free event held in association with EFIC, and you can use your “Passport to Export Success” for a chance to win great prizes.

## 2007 Business SA Export Awards

Nominations are now open for the 2007 Business SA Export Awards with 12 categories ranging from agribusiness, minerals and energy, through to education, manufacturing, information and communication technology. Winners of state awards automatically qualify as finalists in the 2007 Australian Export Awards. Award winners will be announced at the 2007 Business SA Annual dinner at the Adelaide Convention Centre on October 12<sup>th</sup> 2007.

To apply for the 2007 Business SA Export Awards, complete an application form online at [www.exportawards.com.au/sa](http://www.exportawards.com.au/sa) Applications close Monday September 3<sup>rd</sup>. Further information available from ph 83000105.

## Tourism Funding for Drought Affected Areas

A special round of the [Australian Tourism Development Program](#) is now open for tourism projects in exceptional circumstances declared areas across Australia. Grants ranging from \$50,000 to \$500,000 (GST exclusive) are available in two categories: Category 1: Tourism project and Tourism investment proposals – grants range from \$50,000 to \$100,000 and are offered on a matching cash, dollar for dollar basis. Category 2: Integrated tourism development projects – grants range from \$100,000 to \$500,000.

Round 5 is only open to applicants wishing to undertake a project in an exceptional circumstances area as declared by the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) at any time during the period the round is open. To find out if a project is in an exceptional circumstances declared area, visit the DAFF website at <http://www.daff.gov.au/agriculture-food/drought/ec> or call the Drought Assistance line on 13 23 16. Applications will also be accepted from 'prima facie' declared areas Applications close at 5pm on Friday 13 July 2007.

To discuss a proposed project in drought affected areas of South Australia, contact Steve Peters on 08 8406 4705 or an AusIndustry Regional Manager. For application forms and guidelines visit the AusIndustry website [www.ausindustry.gov.au](http://www.ausindustry.gov.au), call the AusIndustry hotline on 13 28 46 or email [hotline@ausindustry.gov.au](mailto:hotline@ausindustry.gov.au).

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