



CITCSA Flash

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New Governor is Patron of CITCSA



H.E. Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AO CSC RANR, Governor of South Australia (centre) pictured with Nick Begakis AM, Chairman of CITCSA (right) and Greg Kelly, State Manager of Dept of Immigration and Citizenship (left) at a recent CITCSA Chairmans' luncheon.

The new Governor of South Australia, His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AO CSC RANR has graciously accepted our invitation to become Patron of CITCSA during his term of office.

Rear Admiral Scarce was sworn in as the Governor of South Australia on Thursday August 9th and takes over the role from Mrs Marjorie Jackson-Nelson. He was born in Adelaide and had a long distinguished career in the Australian Navy serving in Vietnam, the United Kingdom, the United States and throughout Australia. Rear Admiral Scarce has tertiary qualifications from Universities in Australia and Washington DC, USA.

Since retiring from the navy, he has worked with the State Government as Chief Executive of the SA Government Defence Unit, was Chairman of the Defence Industry Advisory Board, and has been an advisor to the Port Adelaide Maritime Corporation. In these roles, he has been instrumental in winning significant defence contracts for the State of South Australia.

Rear Admiral Scarce has indicated that he is keen to support business and trade in his new role as Governor, and with his international experience, is a great appointment as Patron of the Council for International Trade & Commerce in SA. We look forward to working closely with our new Governor in promoting the state and facilitating market access for trade.

South Australia retains regional area migration status

In a major coup for South Australia, Adelaide has retained its special status as a regional migration area which enhances our chances to attract skilled migration to South Australia in preference to other states. No other capital city has this "regional" status.

CITCSA Chairman Mr Nick Begakis AM, Executive Manager Barry Salter, and eleven representatives of CITCSA member organisations met with Minister Teresa Gambaro, Minister Assisting the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, at the Department of Immigration and Citizenship on June 7th. They strongly made our case to retain this special migration status for South Australia. CITCSA Chairman Nick Begakis subsequently wrote to Minister Kevin Andrews, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship.

CITCSA worked closely with Business SA and DTED, and other industry bodies in lobbying the Federal Government on this issue, and this helped achieve a successful outcome which gives the state a significant competitive advantage in attracting skilled migration to work and live. It also encourages international students to study and potentially work in South Australia.

Hong Kong Australia Business Award Winners

Winners of the 2007 Hong Kong Australia Business Association Awards for SA were as follows:
Export of Goods – **Kangaroo Island Abalone**
Import of Goods – **Dover Fisheries**
Export of Services – **University of South Australia**
Outstanding Performance Judges' Award – **Promotional Products International**
Entrepreneur of the Year – **Michael W Higgs (jr)** of Promotional Products International

The awards were presented at a HKABA dinner on Friday August 10th at the Observatory which celebrated the 10th anniversary of the return of Hong Kong rule from Britain to China.

The HKABA is leading a trade mission to the Hong Kong Forum from October 7 – 9 with optional trip to China. Contact Ian Mathison ph 0411519757 or email ian_mathison@iinet.net.au for package details.

AICC SA Young Business Forum Mentoring Program

The Australian-Israel Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the commencement of its South Australian Young Business Forum Mentoring program to commence in October.

The Mentoring program consists of both monthly one on one hour long meetings between the assigned mentor and mentee pair and group mentor / mentee breakfasts. For further information about the program, please contact Alisha Fisher at the AICC ph 82217004 or email Alisha@aicc.org.au

New Committee for African Chamber of Commerce

Mr Francis Elekwachi has been elected as the new President of the African Chamber of Commerce in South Australia known as AFRICOMSA. He looks forward enthusiastically to working with the local, Australian and African business communities.

New officer bearers were elected in August:

- Secretary-General & Public Relations Officer - **Mr John Nze-Bathram**
- Committee Member - **Ms Libby Hogarth**
- First Vice President & Treasurer - **Mr Leonidas Nitereka**
- Second Vice President & Director of Membership - **Dr Elsabet Tamrat**

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New Festival Celebrates Australasian Culture: Oz Asia Festival

The program for the Adelaide Festival Centre's inaugural OzAsia Festival, to be held in Adelaide from 21 September to 7 October 2007, has been announced. It features award winning performances in photography, drama, drumming, physical theatre, music, outdoor festivals, comedy, dance and cinema. The highlights are too numerous to list here - please do yourself a favour and visit www.ozasiafestival.com for a program, or book at BASS 131 246.

Of special interest to the business community is "OzAsia - The Big Ideas", a free Symposium featuring artists, cultural commentators, academics and political figures. They will discuss the joint issues of Asia in Australia and making the cultural connection. The symposium will be held in the Space Theatre, 22 - 23 September 2007. Register your interest at ozasia@adelaidefestivalcentre.com.au.

Business SA Export Awards entries close Friday September 7th

Share your company's export success with the world!

Apply for the 2007 Business SA Export Awards online at www.exportawards.com.au/sa.
Entries close Friday 7 September.

Winners are announced at the *Business SA Annual Dinner and Export Awards* on Friday 12 October at the Adelaide Convention Centre. This year's theme celebrates 50 years of trade relations between Australia and Japan.

State winners also become national finalists in the *Australian Export Awards*, hosted by the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Austrade and held in Brisbane in November.

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