



## CITCSA Flash

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### CITCSA Chairman reappointed

Hon Kevin Foley, Deputy Premier and Minister for Industry and Trade, has announced the reappointment of Mr Nick Begakis AM as Chairman of the Council for International Trade and Commerce South Australia (CITCSA).

Mr Foley said that the Government appreciates the strong efforts that Mr Begakis has made in this role in recent years and acknowledges the leadership that he has provided in helping to develop greater exports from South Australia through the CITCSA member organisations.

Mr Begakis said that he is delighted to continue in the role and work with CITCSA's Member International Chambers of Commerce and Business Councils to enhance South Australia's economic development and international trade. He has been Chairman of CITCSA since 1996.

### HKABA Awards Dinner – The Road to Beijing

This years Hong Kong Australia Business Association (SA) Awards gala dinner promises to be a gold medal affair this year. It will be held on Friday August 1<sup>st</sup> at the National Wine Centre with a 7pm for 7.30pm start.

This years theme "The Road to Beijing" will focus on the 2008 Beijing Olympics and, in particular, Hong Kong's hosting of Olympic equestrian events. Special guest speaker will be Mr John Tsang JP, Financial Secretary, the Hong Kong SAR Government. Entertainment by Kirbside Jazz

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### World Food Exchange 2008

South Australia will position itself to take advantage of the world's growing culinary tourism market when it hosts the World Food Exchange in September from September 21 – 25.

Tourism Minister Jane Lomax-Smith said that this event will be a major boost for the State's gourmet tourism appeal.

"Sophisticated food and wine travelers already understand that South Australia's wine, food and agriculture are among the best in the world. The World Food Exchange will examine programs that can accelerate the State's campaign to become a world-leading culinary tourism destination. "

Mr K. Dun Gifford, President of the food issues think-tank Oldways Preservation Trust from the United States, is Chair of the 2008 World Food Exchange. Dun is an enthusiastic supporter of all things South Australian and a devotee of the riches of produce and experiences the State has to offer.

Other leading experts attending the World Food Exchange to share their skills and experience include: American David Rosengarten, a travel writer, cookbook author and TV journalist, and South African Mr Jo Sinfield who's work to promote the Franschoek wine region helped it become one of South Africa's leading tourist destinations.

A key aspect of the World Food Exchange will be a regional tour program, when attendees will be given a taste of the world-class and ecologically sustainable seafood and aquaculture industries of the Eyre Peninsula and will be immersed in the food and wine culture of the Barossa.

The opening cocktail reception and closing gala dinner at the Hilton Adelaide will also feature produce from around South Australia's regions. The event is being organised by the SA Tourism Commission.

For more information, go to [www.worldfoodexchange.com.au](http://www.worldfoodexchange.com.au)



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Mr Nick Begakis AM,  
Chairman of CITCSA with  
Hon Kevin Foley, Deputy  
Premier and Minister for  
Industry and Trade in  
Parliament House.

"MEET the FACES behind the PLACES"



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Mr Peter Wadewitz,  
President of Thailand  
South Australia Business  
Council with His  
Excellency Mr Bandhit  
Sotipalalit, Ambassador of  
Thailand at a recent  
business briefing about  
Thailand in Adelaide.*

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## 2008 CITCSA Awards Dinner

National comedy star Hung Le will be one of the guest performers at this years 2008 CITCSA Awards Spectacular dinner to be held on Friday September 5<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn Adelaide.

A new award for Food and Wine sponsored by Le Cordon Bleu will be offered this year. CITCSA Awards are offered for International Chamber of the Year, International Ambassador of the Year, Small and Emerging Chamber, and Outstanding Contribution. Deadline for entries is Friday August 8<sup>th</sup>.

Contact Angie Lewis, Events and Admin Coordinator at CITCSA on ph 83000110 or email [angie.lewis@citcsa.org.au](mailto:angie.lewis@citcsa.org.au) or more details.

## New President for Spanish Chamber of Commerce SA

Mr Tony Arjona is the new President of the Spanish Chamber of Commerce. Mr Arjona replaces Mr Joaquin Artacho who continues as the Hon Consul for Spain in South Australia. Mr. Ross Stevens is Vice President of the Chamber.

The Spanish Chamber of Commerce and DTED recently met with exporters from the defence, water, energy, and wine industry sectors to plan a mission to Spain within the next year.

Membership enquiries for the Spanish Chamber of Commerce in SA can be directed to Mr Manuel Sanchez, Treasurer ph 83703373 or email [masa5@tpg.com.au](mailto:masa5@tpg.com.au)

## 2008 Business SA Export Awards

Applications are now open for the 2008 Export Awards. The awards are open to all South Australian export businesses – large and small – across 13 categories, ranging from agriculture, mining and minerals, tourism, through to arts and entertainment, education & training, and manufacturing.

The State awards are presented at the prestigious Business SA Annual Dinner, which this year will be held on Friday 24 October

Applications for the 2008 Business SA Export Awards are now available online at [www.business-sa.com](http://www.business-sa.com) with an entry deadline of September 1<sup>st</sup> 2008

## Merdeka Awards Gala Dinner in August

The Australia Malaysia Business Council SA annual Merdeka Awards Gala Dinner is being held on Saturday 30 August 2008 at the Stamford Plaza, North Terrace, Adelaide. Awards are presented to outstanding final year Malaysian students from South Australia's three major universities. Details and bookings: Kathy Crockett 0438 381 767

## Review of Temporary Work Visa 457

Ms Barbara Deegan has been appointed by the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship to conduct an independent integrity review of the temporary work visa subclass 457. Ms Deegan has released a discussion paper regarding the Minimum Salary Level that is payable to visa holders under the 457 visa and invites submissions by 8 August on the issues raised. Click here to access the paper <http://www.immi.gov.au/skilled/skilled-workers/pdf/457-integrity-review-issue-1.pdf>

Please contact John Haren, Industry Outreach Officer on 0434 076 437 for information.

## International Speaker for Marketing Week 2008

Mr Jörg-Alexander Ellhof, Head of International Advertising for Renault in Paris, will be the first international keynote speaker to come to Adelaide for Marketing Week. Marketing Week will be held from August 26 – 29 2008 at the Holiday Inn Adelaide, and our first international delegate from Rome in Italy has booked to attend.

See [www.marketingweek.com.au](http://www.marketingweek.com.au) for more details of the 26 speakers and bookings.

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