



# CITCSA Flash

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*Members of the  
Australia Singapore  
Business Council SA  
including ASBC  
President Dr Ernie Goh,  
(centre left) pictured  
with Singapore's Deputy  
Prime Minister, the Hon  
Mr. Wong Kan Seng,  
and Mr Charles Savage,  
Vice President of  
Australia Singapore  
Business Council  
(seated)*

## SINGAPORE DAY in AUSTRALIA 2008



During the recent international *Singapore Day* held in Melbourne on October 4<sup>th</sup>, a delegation of more than 25 Singaporeans from Adelaide made a trip to Melbourne to attend this significant event. This annual event was held in New York (Central Park) last year, and we are very privileged to have it this year in Melbourne, Australia (although we wished it was in Adelaide)!

In the evening, the official dinner at the Melbourne Town Hall was attended by about 500 guests from various states, and South Australia was honoured to have President of the Australia Singapore Business Council SA, Mr. Ernie Goh, seated alongside Singapore's Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Wong Kan Seng, who was the Guest of Honour. Australia's Prime Minister Kevin Rudd was represented by the Hon. Anthony Byrne MP (Parliamentary Secretary to the PM). The Singapore Day event is aimed to keep Overseas Singaporeans in touch with Singapore, and is made possible by various sponsors, and the Government of Singapore.

## CITCSA Member Presidents visit Parliament House

The Deputy Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Industry and Trade Hon Kevin Foley MP hosted CITCSA Presidents and senior representatives of CITCSA member organisations and CITCSA Board members to a dinner at Parliament House on October 15<sup>th</sup>. He acknowledged the contribution made by CITCSA members to international trade and investment and generously responded to questions about the economic environment and trade in South Australia.

Mr Nick Begakis AM, Chairman of CITCSA, thanked the Deputy Premier for his personal support and hospitality.



l-r Mr Nick Begakis AM, Chairman of CITCSA, with Hon Kevin Foley, Deputy Premier on the balcony at Parliament House.

## New President for Asia Pacific Business Council for Women SA

Ms Dyan Francis is the new President for the Asia Pacific Business Council for Women in SA. She replaces Ms Soo Lee Bermingham. Ms Francis is Manager of Business Development and Special Projects for Messenger Community Newspapers. More information at [www.apbcw.com.au](http://www.apbcw.com.au)

## A big thank you to CITCSA from kids in Cambodia



CITCSA Chairman Nick Begakis AM, presenting the big cheque to Geraldine Cox AM



Guests at the CITCSA Awards Dinner 2008 in September helped to raise \$6,300 for the Sunrise Children's Village in Cambodia.

Sunrise is a group of orphanages in Cambodia, which were established by dynamic South Australian Geraldine Cox AM. Geraldine said of the donation, "I have looked at our budget and this money (at the current rate of exchange for the US dollar) would pay for all our cooking gas for around 280 children and staff for over 12 months." Geraldine emphasised the importance of this contribution, as "people forget that yes, we need money for buildings, playgrounds, education etc, but the day-to-day expenses have to be met continually. For this burden now to be crossed off our list is marvellous." Geraldine and her hundreds of children wish to thank the businesses who donated products and services, as well as all the guests who contributed on the night.

## Food Mission to Dubai in February 2009

The Australia Arab Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SA) in association with CITCSA invites food producers, suppliers and food service providers to participate in a food trade mission to Dubai in February 21 – 23<sup>rd</sup> 2009 in conjunction with Gulfoods February 23 – 26<sup>th</sup> 2009. The mission will introduce participants to the food and food service market in Dubai in the Middle East with industry visits to hotels, restaurants, supermarkets, retail outlets and the sea and air ports.

The mission leader is Mr Steve Marafiotte, Managing Director of Australian Quality Plus and an AACCI member, who will provide insights into how he has developed a successful business with major clients in the Middle East. Steve established his own business in 2004 as an Adelaide based perishable food specialist company catering to some of the most discerning foodservice customers in the world including the Royal Palace of Dubai, Emirates Airline, The Burj Al Arab 7 Star hotel, and other 5 star hotels in the region. His company assists hotels with food costing, menu development, and product demonstration and promotion.

The cost of participating in the mission is \$660 plus an airfare/accommodation package. For more information and to register your interest in participating in the mission, contact Barry Salter, Executive Manager at CITCSA on ph 83000110 or email [barry.salter@citcsa.org.au](mailto:barry.salter@citcsa.org.au)

## New President for Australia China Business Council

Mr Sean Keenihan is the new President of the SA Chapter of the Australia China Business Council. He replaces Mr David Powell who has done a great job for the past four years. Mr Keenihan is a partner at Normans Waterhouse Lawyers. More information about Australia China Business Council at [www.acbc.com.au](http://www.acbc.com.au)

## Dreamtime Wins Small Business Champion Award

Indigenous-focused print and web design agency, Dreamtime Public Relations, has won the Small Business Champion Award SA for Business Services. The announcement was made on Friday, 3 October 2008 at the National Wine Centre of Australia. The Australian Small Business Champion Awards is the only national program of its kind to recognise achievements and honour great performance in small business.

In accepting the award, Dreamtime's Managing Director Janet Craig said she was ecstatic and thrilled to be given such an honour and recognition. Dreamtime, a subsidiary of 7C Communications Group Pty Ltd, will now travel to Sydney to compete for the National Small Business Champion Award (Business Services) against other states and territories on 1 November

7C Communications Group through its subsidiary WebeZ is a proud sponsor of CITCSA. For further information see [www.7c.com.au](http://www.7c.com.au) or contact Janet Craig on 08 8223 2576.

## New eVisitor Visa to strengthen Australia – European Union relations

Senator Chris Evans, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, in a joint media release with the Hon Martin Ferguson, Minister for Tourism, has announced the introduction of a new eVisitor visa enabling all tourists and businesspeople from all European Union member states to apply for an eVisitor visa over the internet, free of charge.

The eVisitor visa enables holders to visit for up to three months at a time for tourist or business purposes as many times as they like over a 12-month period. Tourists and businesspeople from all European Union member states will soon have access to a simple online visitor visa service to travel to Australia, the Minister for Immigration and Citizenship, Senator Chris Evans, said today.

The new European Union *eVisitor* online service, to go live on October 27, will mean anyone from the 27 EU member states will be able to apply for an *eVisitor* over the internet, free of charge. To read the full media release, click here

<http://www.minister.immi.gov.au/media/media-releases/2008/ce08095.htm>

Should you require any further information, please contact John Haren, Department of Immigration and Citizenship's Industry Outreach Officer on 0434 076 437.

## "Single Economic Market" discussions for Australia – New Zealand

The Australia New Zealand Business Council has been invited to participate in discussions about a CER/SEM policy development between Australia and New Zealand which is being lead by the Australia New Zealand Leadership Forum.

The Federal Minister for Trade Hon Simon Crean spoke at a lunch for the ANZBC and AICD in September and has in a letter to Mr Alistair McFarlane, President of the ANZBC, welcomed their involvement in CER policy issues relating to the Australia New Zealand bilateral economic relationship.

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Mr Bryan Smith and Ms Janet Craig, Directors of 7 C Communication receive their award.

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