

CITCSA Chairman's report 2014/2015

First of all, let me welcome all members of CITCSA

Special welcome board members, Adrian Vicary, Frank Welts, Teresita Sarmiento , Darren Wilson (apology) Barry Salter (apology) .

I thank them for their time and commitment for serving on the CITCSA board and their guidance in difficult time being self funded organisation looking after all the members' organisation, especially Barry Salter.

Similarly, I also see many of CITCSA members are going through difficult time in their organisation, especially in structurally, financially, lack of capability to attract support to deliver export activities and membership growth. For that reason, many have not been able to pay their membership fees and dormant.

Out of 40 organisations listed in our book, I must say that only around 20 are active or are engaging with us.

The role of CITCSA have been an advocacy role for our members, and we will continue to raise the profile of CITCSA and the importance of its members who are all export focus and they have the international , cultural and market's knowledge.

Despite of administrative and financial constraint, CITCSA and its board continue to serve all the members at it best. We are fortunate many of our activities are fully supported by our sponsors and corporate partners.

Delighted to report the high lights of our activities in the past 18 months:

1. We appointed the new Governor Hieu Van Le as our new Patron.
2. Assisted the formation of the Philippines Business Council and the German European Business Chamber of Commerce SA
3. Federal Minister Andrew Robb MP visited Adelaide to address our members on China FTA at Stamford Plaza Hotel
4. Staged the ASEAN Business Forum at Intercontinental Hotel with 200 over guests as part of Australia ASEAN 40th Diplomatic relationship.
5. Regional road show in Mount Gambier headed by Darren Wilson
6. Support the State South East Asia Mission with our members, Singapore/MSIA/Thailand
7. Hosted a lunch for members at Mayfair Hotel with Minister of Trade & Investment on State International engagements and also present Life Membership to Barry Salter.
8. Formed partnership with Export Council of Australia & Australian Institute of Export.
9. Work with State Government with the World Cricket Match / India vs Pakistan World Cup Business components of the match in Adelaide.
10. Support Singapore Business Council with the staging 50th National Day Business Forum
11. Worked with HKABA on Wine Dinner and Business Award Dinner
12. Engaged in the North Atlantic Strategy engagement

13. CITCSA 2nd review which was attended by key stake holders as we move forward.
14. Working with Chinese Chamber of Commerce with the World Chinese Entrepreneur conference.
15. Continued to prompt monthly CITCSA Prompt of members' activities.
16. Bruce Gosper CEO Austrade at be our key note speaker for the 2015 AGM

Lastly, I wish to seek member's support for CITCSA and to pay the membership fees as soon as we send out the renewal invoices.

Francis Wong OAM

Chair CITCSA