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Trade mission to 2010 Hong Kong International Wine and Spirits Fair

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"MEET the FACES
behind the PLACES"



l-r: Mr Ian Mathison Missions Coordinator HKABA SA, Mr Les Luck, Australia Consul-General in Hong Kong, Mr Greg Hobbs and Mr Brian Baldwin, Hobbs Vintners on South Australian stand in Hong Kong in 2009



Hong Kong Australia Business Association SA in association with Dean Marketing, CITCSA and the Department of Trade and Economic Development, is organising a trade mission to the third Hong Kong International Wine and Spirits Fair from November 4-6 2010.

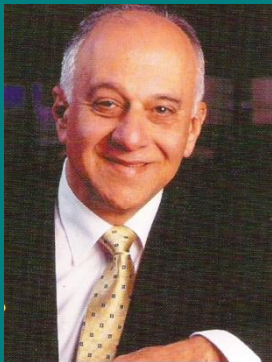
Hong Kong is rapidly maturing as Asia's wine trading and distribution hub since establishing itself as one of the few tax free markets for wine in the world.

Abolition of the 40% wine tax in 2008 triggered a flurry of wine investors and cemented Hong Kong's status as the wine gateway to Asian regions. Geographical location, a superior logistical infrastructure and solid legal and financial systems have provided a solid foundation for growth. Last year Hong Kong re-exported 19% by value of its wine imports and retained 81% for local consumption. Most of this wine ended up in mainland China where official local traders pay 50% duties.

World wine imports into Hong Kong hit a new record in 2009, reaching US\$491 million, an increase of 44% over 2008 and forecast growth in 2010 is a healthy 22%. Australia enjoys a position as the third largest wine supplying country to Hong Kong after France and the UK (mainly auction sales of wines imported from other countries), closely followed by the US.

Last year exhibitor numbers more than doubled from 2008 to 525, representing 34 countries and regions. Buyer numbers increased by 36%, with almost 12,000 buyers from 62 countries and regions. Australia is the featured wine partner country this year.

For more information about participating in the mission and the Wine Expo, contact Ian Mathison of HKABA at ian_mathison@inet.net.au ph 0411519757.



Mr Nick Begakis AM, Chair of CITCSA

CITCSA Chair Reappointed

Mr Nick Begakis AM, has been re-appointed as the Independent Chair of CITCSA by the Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP, State Minister for Industry and Trade.

Mr Koutsantonis congratulated Mr Begakis on the support that he has provided in this role over recent years and the leadership that he has provided in helping to develop greater exports from South Australia through CITCSA member organisations.

Mr Begakis said that he was honoured to have been re-appointed as Chair, and said that he will strive to enhance South Australia's economic development through CITCSA's member chambers.

First Australia Arab Chamber of Commerce & Industry Forum Expo

The Australian Arab Chamber of Commerce and Industry (AACCI) will be hosting the **Inaugural Australia Arab Business Forum and Expo** in Melbourne on October 25th and 26th. The objectives are to promote and facilitate two way trade and investment with the Arab countries.

Expert speakers will present up to date information on a wide range of topics relevant to developing business relationships with this wealthy region. It is expected that significant numbers of business people from the region, as well as government officials, will travel to Australia to attend the Forum - which represents an excellent opportunity for Australian businesses to foster new business connections in the Middle East.

You could also set up a product exhibit to display your firm's capabilities for dramatically less than it would cost to do the same anywhere in the Middle East.

The cost effectiveness of attending this Forum and Expo is obvious - the potential outcomes for all who attend are significant. Click on the following link to the Expo website for details of the program, the speakers, the networking opportunities and how you can be involved.

<http://www.aacciconference.com/>



Australia Arab Chamber of Commerce & Industry Inc.
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New SA Executive Officer and National CEO for AACCI

Mr Chris Heysen has been appointed as the new Executive Officer for the SA Chapter of the Australian Arab Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Chris has been a past State President of the AACCI SA Chapter during much of the 1990's. He then spent 4 years in Cairo as Senior Trade Commissioner for Austrade and 4 years in Dubai heading up the Western Australian Regional Trade Development Office. Chris and his wife returned to Adelaide 4 years ago.

Former Executive Officer Minerva Nasser-Eddine is working at University of Adelaide and running her own business.

Chris Heysen can be contacted as follows:

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In the AACCI National Office in Canberra, Mr Robert Newton has completed a successful three years at the helm as CEO. His replacement is Ms Cynthia Dearin who was formerly with the DFAT and has considerable experience in the Middle East,

Mr Ray Najjar from SA is National President of AACCI.

Trade Mission to China in September 2010

Mr Kok Wah See, Deputy President of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce SA, will be leading a mission to China in September 18 – 28 2010. The mission itinerary will include attendance at the China International SME fair in Guangzhou, China where Australia is the featured country in 2010, visits to Xiamen in Fujian province, Shanghai for the World Expo, and Wuhan in Hubei province.

Mr K See is a regular visitor to China and has made some great business contacts in each of these cities. Please contact Mr K See on ph 0418830968 or email seebros@bigpond.net.au if you are interested in participating.



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SA Homeland Security Mission to Israel - Smart and Safe Cities

A trade mission to Israel from October 17th - 23rd 2010 will be focusing on **Homeland Security**. Israel is a world leader in this field.

The Defence Teaming Centre and Defence SA will be working closely with the Chamber to ensure the correct itinerary is arranged for your specific requirements. You will have a personalised itinerary, attend core group briefings and tours, and includes 3 meals per day, translation services, airport meet, all transfers & internal transport for schedule. (*This does not include Airfares, Accommodation and Private Expenses).

The Chamber will organise tours and individual meetings with a cross section of Israeli defence business and academic.

Please contact:

Alisha Fisher, Chief Executive Australia Israel Chamber of Commerce (SA) – 0412 442 642 or alisha@aicc.org.au to discuss your interest in participating.

2010 CITCSA Awards Dinner

The CITCSA Awards Dinner on **Friday September 3rd 2010, 7 for 7.30pm** at the Grand Chancellor Adelaide on Hindley (formerly Holiday Inn) promises a night of first class multicultural entertainment with world music, dance, a four course dinner and premium wines.

The **Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP, State Minister for Industry and Trade**, and the Right Honourable the **Lord Mayor Michael Harbison** will be our Special Guest Presenters.

Multicultural entertainment includes a breathtaking magical act “Mysteriaque”, the exciting Spanish duo “Chispa Flamenco” and the traditional Latvian Folk dance group “Auseklitis”

The CITCSA Awards celebrate the achievements of South Australia’s international chambers of commerce and business councils and the individuals who drive them. Awards will be offered for International Chamber of the Year, International Ambassador of the Year, Small or Emerging Chamber of the Year, and Outstanding Long Term Contribution Award.

Net proceeds from this years’ event will benefit Opportunity International Australia

Book now for the dinner by calling Angie Lewis 8300 0110 or email angie.lewis@citcsa.org.au

New Deputy Director of HKTDC to speak at Dinner

Mr Benjamin Chau is the newly appointed Deputy Executive Director of Hong Kong Trade Development Council based in Hong Kong.

Mr Chau will be the keynote speaker at the Hong Kong Australia Business Association Gala Dinner on Saturday August 21st 2010 at the Festival Function Centre in Findon,

Details at www.hkabasa.asn.au or call 1300678622

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