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2010 CITCSA AWARDS WINNERS

Congratulations to all our winners and finalists for the 2010 CITCSA Awards, announced last Friday September 3rd at the Hotel Grand Chancellor Adelaide

INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF THE YEAR

Winner - Australia India Business Council - SA Chapter

Award sponsor – *Export Finance and Insurance Corporation*



Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP, Minister for Industry and Trade, Mr Osham Somers, Vice President, Australia India Business Council SA Chapter, Nick Begakis AM, CITCSA Chairman

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR

Joint Winners – Kerry Lewis and Leon Coppins

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Leon Coppins; Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP, Minister for Industry and Trade; Kerry Lewis; Yvonna Zurawska and Henry Stadler from ABC International Pty Ltd



MC for the evening Jane Reilly, Channel 10



Zhaohong performs on Chinese harp

SMALL OR EMERGING CHAMBER AWARD

Winner – African Chamber of Commerce SA (Africom)

Award sponsor – *Multicultural SA*



Chispa Flamenco



Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP, Minister for Industry and Trade; John Nze-Bertram, President, African Chamber of Commerce SA; Hieu Van Le AC, Lieutenant Governor and Chairman Multicultural SA

JUDGES COMMENDATIONS

The judging panel awarded Judges Commendations for Recognition to both:

Australian Asian Chamber of Commerce and Industry for their entry in International Business Chamber of the Year, and

Conan Fahey for his entry in Outstanding Contribution by an Individual.

AWARDS PRESENTATION NIGHT



Australian Asian Chamber of Commerce and Industry table



Conan Fahey



Mysteriaque



Australia New Zealand Business Council table complete with inflatable sheep which jointly won the best dressed table with Australian Asian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Last Friday nights' Annual CITCSA Awards Presentation Dinner event held at the Grand Chancellor Hotel, Adelaide, was a great night which acknowledged the outstanding achievements of CITCSA member organisations.

The Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP, Minister for Industry and Trade, in delivering his keynote address, paid tribute to the 40 member organisations of CITCSA for their contribution to the State's international trade effort over many years and looks forward to working with CITCSA in the future.

Mr Nick Begakis AM, Chairman of CITCSA thanked the Minister for the Government's continued moral and financial support of CITCSA. He said that CITCSA looks forward to continuing its work with the Department of Trade in complementing their international trade activity in countries where the government has local representation, and particularly in fulfilling market access facilitation for bilateral trade in niche markets in countries throughout the world where SA is not locally represented.

Guests enjoyed a four course meal with tasting plates for entrée and dessert. Premium wines were provided by the Ross Estate Wines from the Barossa.



Ms Heidi Van Gerwen

Congratulations to **Ms Heidi Van Gerwen**, Hon Consul for Belgium, who won the best ethnic dress individual prize in her glorious traditional Belgium outfit. Congratulations to the **Australia New Zealand Business Council** and the **Australian Asian Chamber of Commerce and Industry** tables who won the best themed table competition.

Guest speaker Mr Aaron Potts from Opportunity International Australia spoke of their charter to give people living in poverty opportunities to transform their lives. They do this with small loans (microfinance) that help them start a business, earn an income and provide for their families. Opportunity International Australia focuses its work on three main countries – India, Indonesia and the Philippines.



Aaron Potts, Opportunity International Australia

The Charity Raffle offering 21 great prizes raised over \$3000 for Opportunity International Australia thanks to the generosity of our prize donors and ticket purchasing guests.

Entertainment on the night was provided by “Zhaohong Liang” on the Chinese Harp, “Mysteriaque” magical act and “Chispa Flamenco”.

VIP guests attending the evening included:

Mr Hieu Van Le AC, Lieutenant-Governor of SA and Chairman, SA Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission;

Hon Tom Koutsantonis MP, Minister for Industry and Trade;

Right Honourable Lord Mayor **Michael Harbison**;

Hon Isobel Redmond MP, Leader of Opposition;

Councillor **Francis Wong**

Mr Nick Begakis AM, Chairman of CITCSA;

Ms Larissa Vakulina, Hon Consul of Russia;

Ms Heidi van Gerwen, Hon Consul of Belgium;

Mr Keith Gardner, State Director, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade;

Mr David Litchfield, Executive Director, International Market Development, DTED;

Mr Simon Forrest, Executive Director, Multicultural SA;

Mr Chris Burns, Chief Executive, Defence Teaming Centre.



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