



CITCSA Flash

CITCSA Patron:
His Excellency
Rear Admiral Kevin
Scarce AC CSC
RANR
Governor of South
Australia



I-r Mrs Scarce and
His Excellency Rear
Admiral Kevin Scarce
Governor of South
Australia at
Government House.

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CITCSA Reception at Government House



L-R His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce AC CSC RANR, Governor of South Australia; Mrs Scarce; and CITCSA Chairman Nick Begakis AM addressing guests in the Ballroom at Government House.

His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce, Governor of South Australia, and CITCSA Patron, hosted a reception for the Presidents and senior representatives from the member organisations of CITCSA together with members of the Consular Corps at Government House, Wednesday March 16th.

The Governor paid tribute to the tremendous work and support provided for international trade and visitors by the members of the international chambers of commerce and business councils, and the Consular Corps, largely in a voluntary capacity and over many years.

CITCSA Chairman Nick Begakis AM, in his response, thanked the Governor for his generous hosting of the event as Patron of CITCSA. He thanked the Governor for his ongoing support of international trade and in building relationships with people from countries throughout the world with South Australia.

Mr Begakis AM said the Governor had frequently led overseas trade missions and regularly hosted inbound delegations and VIP's at Government House, with CITCSA member organisations. He said CITCSA had enjoyed good relationships with all previous Governors in promoting business, particularly with Sir Eric Neal who was also Patron, and who continues his involvement with CITCSA with the Australian Malaysian Business Council.

Mr Begakis said CITCSA members provide market access facilitation by being able to speak the language, understand the local culture, being abreast of prevailing business practices, having knowledge of local customs and understanding the political environment in their country of origin. He said this is particularly important and relevant during these times of change, tragedy and conflict in international regions throughout the world.

CITCSA Members at Government House



L-R Mr Sean Keenihan, President of Australia China Business Council SA and Mr Alfred Huang AM, SA Special Envoy to China



Front L-R Mr Kok Wah See, Deputy President, Chinese Chamber of Commerce; Ms Yvonna Zurawska, Managing Director, ABC International Pty Ltd; Ms Angie Lewis, Admin/Events Officer, CITCSA; Ms Irena Zhang, President, Australia Asia Chamber of Commerce SA

Back L-R Ms Alisha Fisher, CEO, Australia Israel Chamber of Commerce SA/NT; Mr Alastair McFarlane, President, Australia New Zealand Business Council; Mr John Nze- Bertram, President, African Chamber of Commerce SA



Mr Bill Spurr, Chair of Education Adelaide with Mrs Jaye Walton OAM, Hon Consul - General of Royal Thai Consulate General



L-R Mr John Nze-Bertram, President, African Chamber of Commerce SA; Hon Grace Portolesi MP, Minister for Multicultural Affairs; Mr Robert Berton, President, Italian Chamber of Commerce and Industry- Adelaide

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I-r Mr David Dean,
President, Australia
Vietnamese Chamber
of Commerce SA ;
Mr Ernie Goh,
President, Australia
Singapore Business
Council SA



L-R Mr Francis Wong, President, Australia Brunei-Darussalam Business Council;
Mr Nick Begakis AM, CITCSA Chairman; Mr Allen Bolaffi, President, Australia Israel Chamber
of Commerce SA/NT; Mr James Porter, Hon Consul for Federal Republic of Germany



L-R Mr Bob Gell, President SA Chapter, Canadian Australia Chamber of Commerce and
Industry; Mr Chris Rann, Hon Consul for Finland; Dr Valdis Tomanis, President, Latvian
Chamber of Commerce and Hon Consul for Republic of Latvia.

Export Grants Seminar

MEET THE FACES
BEHIND THE
PLACES at CITCSA



L-R Mr Stephen Annells, Director, Trade, Population and Migration, DTED; Mr Barry Salter, Executive Manager, CITCSA; Mr Stuart Mitchell, Director, Export Solutions, Adelaide.

CITCSA held a trade seminar on export grants, Thursday 10th March. Mr Stephen Annells, new Director, Trade, Migration and Population, Department of Trade and Economic Development, gave a presentation on the new Gateway Business Program for exporters. The State Government's Gateway Business Program is a new initiative designed to help small to medium sized firms succeed in the challenging world of exporting. It replaces the previous MAP scheme.

The program offers grants of up to a maximum of \$20,000 over two years for eligible projects, reimbursing up to 50 % of export related expenditure. Round Two closes 15th June 2011. For more information www.southaustralia.biz/gateway

Mr Stuart Mitchell, Director of Export Solutions Pty Ltd (www.exportsolutions.com.au) gave a presentation on the Export Market Development Grant (EMDG) scheme administered by Austrade. www.austrade.gov.au



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