



The September 2009 e-Newsletter from The Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Singapore

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Everyone!

Hope you all had time for a break over the summer and enjoyed some well earned down time. It's great to be back, and to help us get into the swing of things the 5 Pillars have put together **Back to Business** this Friday evening Sept 4! This is a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet the new folks who have arrived at the school and High Commission over the summer, along with the newly elected ExeCo of the Chamber, Alumni and Canadian Association. To date 100 people have signed up, so don't miss out - it's only \$10 (including a drink) for members so send in your booking now!

At the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Chamber on June 4th the new ExeCo was elected. The slate voted in as your new Executive Committee is listed below. We are looking forward to an exciting year with APEC, ABAC and a full calendar of activities designed to help you do better business! Please approach myself or your committee members if you have any queries - we are here to help! I also would like to take this opportunity to thank all 2008-2009 ExeCo members for their contribution and look forward to working closely with the new committee this coming year.

Just before the summer break, we had the pleasure of learning about that new corporate buzzword - "Innovate". Erez Tsalik from Systematic Inventive Thinking (SIT) spoke to an enthralled audience on **"Don't let Your Business Stagnate - Learn How to Innovate"** - a topic that certainly got us all thinking! The highlight of the summer was the superb presentation by **Minister Stockwell Day**, Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway who, accompanied by Minister Lim Hng Kiang spoke about the Canada Singapore relationship and the opportunities which abound in Canada. With over 170 attendees at the event, including H.E. Koh Yong Guan, Mr. Teng Theng Da and Mr. Patrick Lee, Canada's profile was raised, and it was good to see the Minister on the news! This event was a tremendous success due to the support of many including event sponsor, EDC, represented by newly arrived Peter Nesbitt, who I am sure we will see frequently at

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2009/2010**

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Mr. Roman Borowyk
Senior Trade Commissioner

business events in Singapore. We must also thank the Fairmont Hotel for their superb service and wonderful support of the event.

Event Manager
Ms. Annemieke Kouwenhoven

But it doesn't stop here... there are several more events to look forward to, in addition to Back to Business this Friday. On Saturday September 5, the Canadian Association hosts the 2nd Annual Fall Fair at the Canadian International School Campus in Tanjong Katong. Drop by with family and friends during the day - details are included in the flyer below. On Saturday September 12, the Canadian Alumni Singapore are celebrating their 30th Anniversary with an Alumni Dinner & Dance. This event will also mark the launch of the Singapore-Canada Learning Exchange Fund, a worthy cause designed to enhance the Singapore-Canada connection through education. A few tickets are still available, so register now!

Volunteer
Ms. Susan Cumbers

We are still finalizing venues and times for a few speakers; however one which is already confirmed is the annual visit of **Expat Tax expert, Ernie Nagratha**. Ernie has been coming to Singapore annually, courtesy of CanCham member Redev, and will be back again on November 4. If you are planning to return to Canada or have any questions regarding your property, trust, investments or finances and how to repatriate them, this is the event for you! Ernie will update you on recent legislation which might impact your financial status, and help you prepare for the transfer home. Book soon to reserve your spot as he has sold out for each visit!

Last but not least, over the summer we had quite a lot new members joining the Chamber – they are listed below. Please join me in welcoming them when you meet at our next event!

All the Best,



Marlene Han
President 2009-2010

UPCOMING EVENTS

| Back to Business Networking Night is Back!!

Date: Friday September 4th, 2009

Time: 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Venue: The American Club – Colonial Room (Level 3) - 10 Claymore Hill

Fee: \$10* for CanCham/CAS/CA-S members \$15* for non-members

**Includes a free glass of wine or beer and light snacks*

Registration: [Click here](#) for more information and to register

It's **Back to Business'** for the Canadian community!! Everyone is invited to participate in this first gathering of the year within the Canadian community.

The summer is drawing to a close and the Canadian 5 Pillars in Singapore would like to welcome you to meet the new faces in the Canadian community: greet the staff who have arrived over the summer at the High Commission of Canada; say hi to the new Executive Committees of the Canadian chamber and the Canadian Association, mingle with the parents and teachers at CIS and get acquainted with the Canadian Alumni Singapore. Whether you are an old friend or a new face, this is a great event to catch up or introduce yourself.

Catch up with old friends and make new contacts!!

| Joint Event with AustCham: Wine & Cheese Night

Date: Friday September 11th, 2009

Time: 5.30pm - 8.30pm

Venue: Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel – Kiwi Lounge (Level 3)

Fee: \$45 for CanCham members \$75 for non-members

Registration: [Click here](#) for more information and to register

Join us for an evening celebrating Australian and New Zealand wine, boutique beer, cheese and food, including sumptuous meat pies and beef skewers.

PAST EVENTS

| Breakfast Talk “Don’t let your Business Stagnate - Learn how to Innovate!”

Date: Wednesday May 27th, 2009

Erez Tsalik from Systematic Inventive Thinking (S.I.T) shared with us how innovative thinking can lead to better return by using existing resources to create new ones. It was an interesting and interactive presentation that gave those in attendance effective tools to apply at the work place.



PAST EVENT | Annual General Meeting 2009

Date: Thursday June 4th, 2009

The CanCham Annual General Meeting took place on Thursday 4 June at the American Club. The 2009-2010 Executive Committee members elected are:

Marlene Han – Asian Tour
Gregory Wade – Research In Motion
Claude Morin – Bank of Nova Scotia Asia limited
Robert Juhasz – BHP Billiton
Brian Tracey – FootWorkz
James Dalziel – United World Colleges of South East Asia
Darren Thomson – Manulife Singapore
Karen Eidsvik – Subway Systems Singapore
Glenn Odland – Canadian International School
Evelyn Wong – University of Toronto
Catherine McNabb – Singapore Tourism Board
Alex Chin – Canexcel International
Ian Wilson – Fairmont Hotels & Resorts
Teri Morris – PricewaterhouseCoopers

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all 2008-2009 ExCo members for their contribution and wish the new committee all the best for this coming year.



Visit www.cancham.org.sg/node/129 for more pictures

PAST EVENT | Luncheon with The Honourable Stockwell Day

Date: Friday July 24th, 2009

On the occasion of the Ministers' visit to Singapore a luncheon was held with The Honourable Stockwell Day – Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway – as guest of honour. With 180 guests in attendance the lunch was a great success. Among those present were Minister Lim Hng Kiang (Singapore Minister for Industry & Trade), H.E. David Sevigny (High Commissioner of Canada) and Mr. Koh Yong Guan (High Commissioner of Singapore to Canada). Following the lunch Minister Day held an engaging speech, highlighting the strong ties between Singapore and Canada.

CanCham would like to thank EDC for sponsoring this event.



Visit <http://www.cancham.org.sg/node/180> for more pictures

NEW MEMBERS

| Corporate Members

Belgarath Investments is a Singapore based multi-brand F&B company incorporated in 1996. The current CEO, Greg Blakney, purchased the company from the founders in mid 1999 with two Subway restaurants as the assets at that time, as he was a huge fan of Subway as a university student in Halifax, Nova Scotia Canada. Greg and his partners all originate from Canada or the USA and want to bring "Fun, Fresh and Flavourful" brands and food to the Singaporean market. The company currently employs over 200 employees. The latest addition to the company portfolio is Chili's Grill & Bar, a well-known American restaurant chain. Greg Blakney will represent Belgarath Investments in the Chamber. For more information, please visit www.subs.sg and www.chilis.sg.

Ernst & Young is a global leader in assurance, tax, transaction and advisory services. Worldwide, our 135,000 people are united by our shared values and an unwavering commitment to quality. We make a difference by helping our people, our clients and our wider communities achieve their potential. In Singapore, we have a history of 120 years, and close to 100 partners and 2,000 people offering assurance, tax, transaction and advisory services to a wide-ranging clientele base consisting of multinational companies, private companies and public sector organizations. We have the largest share of Singapore's public-listed companies both in terms of numbers and market capitalization. Prashan De Silva will represent E&Y in the Chamber. For more information, please visit www.ey.com.

Viterra Asia In a world of change and economic challenges, Viterra Inc. has emerged a leader, with a network of modern assets across Western Canada, a growing number of operations in the United States, and international offices in Tokyo, Singapore and Geneva. Viterra – Canada's premier agri-business – is a highly diversified company involved in five major areas of business: grain handling and marketing, agri-products, agri-food processing, feed manufacturing and financial products. Its unique and valuable position serves and connects growers and destination customers across the world. Stephen Yu and Joanna Lim represent Viterra Asia in the Chamber. For more information, please visit www.viterra.ca.

AzureTax is exclusively dedicated to high level global tax planning and wealth protection, AzureTax Group spearheads a transparent, strategic and ethical approach to tax advice. We provide independent and innovative solutions for individuals, delivering both results and long-term accountability. From international tax advisory through global wealth protection strategies with special expertise in Hong Kong, China, the UK, the US, Canada, Australia and New Zealand taxation matters. Alan Wilson, Philip Duckworth and Martin Gill will represent AzureTax in the Chamber. For more information, please visit www.azuretax.com.

| Individual & SME Members

Alex Chin – Canexcel International
Teri Morris – PricewaterhouseCoopers
Pierre Rouleau – Altair
Geraldine De Guzman – FCm Travel Solutions
Bryan Day – Riverbed
Farron Blanc – Aviva Asia
Vivek Ravindra – Renaissance Solutions
Ena Kwok

CANADIAN EVENTS

| The Great Canadian Alumni Reunion 2009

Date: Friday September 12th, 2009
Time: 6.00pm until late!
Venue: Pan Pacific Hotel, Marina Square – Grand Ballroom (Level 3) - 10 Claymore Hill
Fee: \$88* for CA-S members \$98* for non-members (1st year membership fee waived!)
Registration: [Click here](#) for more information and to register

The 30th Anniversary of Canadian Alumni Singapore will be held on Saturday 12 September, 2009. Come together and reminisce the good times in Canada, catch up with old friends and connect with the alumni network.

| 2nd Annual FALL FAIR

Date: Saturday September 5th, 2009
Time: 10.00am – 1.00pm
Venue: CIS School Campus - 371 Tanjong Katong Road
Fee: Free
Registration: [Click here](#) for more information

Fun for the entire family with a Pick Up Sports Zone, Water Play Zone, Community Information Zone, Vendor/Charity Zone, Penny Carnival Games, Craft Activities and More!!

For sponsorship opportunities, please contact Judy Smith at 9180 9920 or via secondvp@canadians.org.sg.

EXTERNAL EVENTS

| Governance and Anti-Corruption Conference

Date: Tuesday September 29th, 2009
Time: 8.30am – 2.00pm
Venue: Grand Copthorne Hotel – Grand Ballroom 1 (Level 4)
Fee: Free
Registration: [Click here](#) for more information

This significant event is organized by The Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA) and aims to be a unique platform where policy-makers, experts, business leaders and professionals can meet to discuss good governance and anti-corruption issues. Keynote speaker is H.E. Mr K. Shanmugam, Singapore Minister of Law.

| Singapore Business Mission to Africa

Date: 11 – 16 October, 2009

Countries: South Africa and Nigeria

Registration: [Click here](#) for more information and to register

The Singapore Chinese Chamber of commerce & Industry (SCCCI) with International Enterprise (IE) Singapore, is jointly organizing a Business Mission to Africa – South Africa and Nigeria, from 11 – 16 October 2009. SCCCI has kindly extended an invitation to all CanCham members to join this Business Mission.

The mission will be led by Mr. Lee Yi Shyan, Minister of State for Manpower and Trade & Industry, together with Mr. Teo Siong Seng, president of SCCCI and Mr. Chong Lit Cheong, CEO of IE Singapore.

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CANCHAM PROMOTION

For Canadian Chamber of Commerce Members
1 September - 30 November 2009
15% off a la carte menu

gordon grill

Lunch : 12noon - 2.30pm / Dinner : 7pm - 10.30pm

Renowned for serving some of the finest steaks in Singapore, this premier fine-dining restaurant's menu of continental specialties has been a favourite of many discerning gourmets.

Apart from our delectable A La Carte menu, do try out our set lunch and dinner menus.

Big-on-Small Lunch*

3-Course at **\$48** per person / 4-Course at **\$58** per person

Dinner Degustation*

6-Course at **\$108** per Adult / **\$68** per Child

Weekend Lunch Promotion!

Saturdays & Sundays, valid till 27 September 2009

1 child enjoys a complimentary 3-Course Child Degustation Lunch Menu (worth \$38), for every order of a 4-Course Big-on-Small Lunch Menu or Main Course.

* Discounts not applicable.

For enquiries or reservations, please call **6730 1744**



No.5 Rochester Park, Singapore 139216
 Lunch : 11am - 2.30pm / Dinner : 6pm - 10.30pm, daily.

Set amidst luscious greens, undulating grounds and tree-lined roads, Min Jiang at One-North is the only Chinese fine-dining restaurant housed in a stylish and spacious black and white colonial style bungalow.

This award-winning restaurant offers a unique dining experience in a charming ambience. A spacious timber decked alfresco area also provides a lovely venue for outdoor dining or a drink after dinner.

The house specialty is the Beijing Duck, served with 8 different condiments. This delicacy is prepared by Chefs from China according to an ancient Chinese recipe and roasted to perfection in a custom-made wood-fired oven.



For enquiries or reservations, please call **6774 0122**



Terms and Conditions:

• Canadian Chamber of Commerce's Members must present their membership card to enjoy the discount • The 15% discount is valid for orders from the a la carte menu at Gordon Grill and Min Jiang at One-North only • Not valid with other promotions, discounts and vouchers • The management reserves the right to amend and/or withdraw the discount, terms and conditions without prior notice.

All prices are subject to 10% service charge and prevailing government taxes.

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