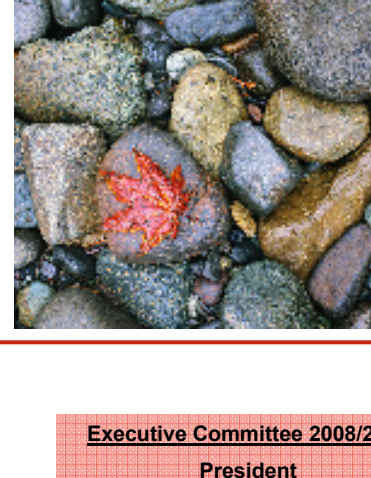




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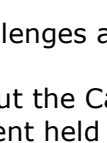
THE LEAF

November 2008 E-Newsletter from
The Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Singapore
Celebrating 25 Years



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President's Message



Dear Members,

We've had an interesting couple of months with elections, financial challenges and global crisis keeping us on our toes!

In Singapore, the summer saw a change-over with new faces throughout the Canadian Community which made for a very successful Back to Business event held on October 28th! With over 80 people in attendance, all keen to meet with the new High Commissioner, H.E. David Sevigny, and the new team at the High Commission as well as the new faculty of the Canadian International School and incoming Executive Committee of the Canadian Association, the Canadian Alumni Association and the Canadian Chamber. We are very pleased to welcome new colleagues and look forward to strengthening the Canadian presence in Singapore with their support!

On Nov 7, we were graced with the annual visit of expatriate tax expert Ernie Nagrath, who came in from Toronto, to update us on events back home in Canada, and answer questions on Canadian property, tax and investments. Ernie's visits always help people save money and time when planning financial issues at home from a long distance. The interactive event was filled with interesting questions and we are grateful for the support of Darwin Forer of Redev Developments for sponsoring Ernie's lunch.

Looking forward, a membership committee has been formed by Franca Ciambella to enhance membership and your benefits in the Chamber. Should you have some free time, why don't you join her committee? To do so, please e-mail her directly on francaciambella@yahoo.com.

The next event on the horizon is FREE, compliments of Canada's International Development Research Council. Canadian Chamber members are invited to attend a Buffet Reception hosted by the Institute of South East Asian Studies and the International Development Research Council on Tuesday, 25 November at 7:30 pm. This reception is part of a unique regional conference on "Regional Economic Integration: A Private Sector Perspective". In attendance will be Mr. George Haynal, Vice President Government Affairs at Bombardier Inc, Ottawa and Mr. Karmjit Singh Chief Executive at SATS Airport Services, Singapore (tbc). The venue is the Hilton Hotel Orchard Rd, Singapore. To attend, please RSVP to CanCham (admin@cancham.org.sg) by 18 November. Look forward to seeing you there!

P.S. Please scroll down to read about our latest Canadian success story in Singapore! CanCham member Bombardier, has struck a US\$571 million deal with the LTA - read all about it! And also check out the good support Santa Fe is giving Canadian talent...

All the best

Marlene Han President 2008/2009
Canadian Chamber of Commerce

For more information, please contact:

Next Event

Canada's International Development Research Council

Canadian Chamber members are invited to attend a Buffet Reception hosted by the Institute of South East Asian Studies and the International Development Research Council

Date Tuesday, 25 November at 7:30 pm
Venue Hilton Hotel, Orchard Road
Sign-up at admin@cancham.org.sg to this free event
By 18th November 2008

CanCham Member News

PRESS RELEASE

Bombardier Receives Contract from Land Transport Authority of Singapore for 219 Driverless Metro Cars Valued at Approximately 298 Million Euros

Bombardier - The World's Number One Metro Vehicle Supplier - Already Has Orders for Over 3,300 MOVIA Cars for Cities Such As London, Shanghai and New Delhi, Amongst Others

Singapore, November 7, 2008 – Bombardier Transportation announced today that it has received an order for 219 driverless BOMBARDIER MOVIA metro cars from the Land Transport Authority of Singapore (LTA). The contract is valued at approximately S\$ 571 million (298 million euros) (\$380 million US) for the design, engineering, manufacturing, assembly, testing, commissioning and delivery of the driverless MOVIA metro vehicles consisting of 3-car trainsets. Deliveries are scheduled to begin in the last quarter of 2012 and to be completed in mid 2016.

The driverless metro cars will cater to the Singapore Downtown Line Stages I, II and III which will run fully underground. The 40-km long line will transport almost half a million passengers every day, thus further enhancing commuter mobility, and also helping promote a greener mode of transportation for Singapore.

The proposed MOVIA metro vehicles integrate the world's most advanced technologies in metro vehicle manufacturing. The vehicles are able to operate under a fully automated mode and have high capacity aluminium carbodies developed from a standardised platform, ensuring a high degree of reliability, safety and low life-cycle cost. The trains are designed for a maximum design speed of 90km/h and a maximum operational speed of 80km/h. The MOVIA metro vehicles are environmentally-friendly through the use of the latest propulsion technology with low energy consumption, optimised performance and are also up to 90% recyclable.

Kristian Mikkelsen, President, Business Unit Asia, Passengers Division, Bombardier Transportation said: "Singapore is renowned for its world-class transportation system and we are proud to provide our state-of-the-art vehicles for the Singapore Downtown Line. Our status as the world's number one metro supplier is supported by the fact that we provide metro cars to many major cities around the world, such as New York, Paris, London, Berlin, Shanghai, New Delhi, amongst many others. We believe our proven and reliable vehicles as well as our responsive and cooperative management style will meet the expectations of LTA."

He added, "Bombardier has proposed a high quality product at excellent value to Singapore and we are excited and at the same time humbled to have LTA as our newest customer for our MOVIA driverless metro vehicles. This contract is definitely a significant milestone for Bombardier and our presence in Asia. We are committed to ensuring the delivery of the vehicles and establishing a reputable footprint in Singapore and the region, as well as around the world. We look forward to employing more local expertise to support the introduction of the new fleet into the network."

Note to Editors:
A photo is available on our web site at: <http://www.transportation.bombardier.com>

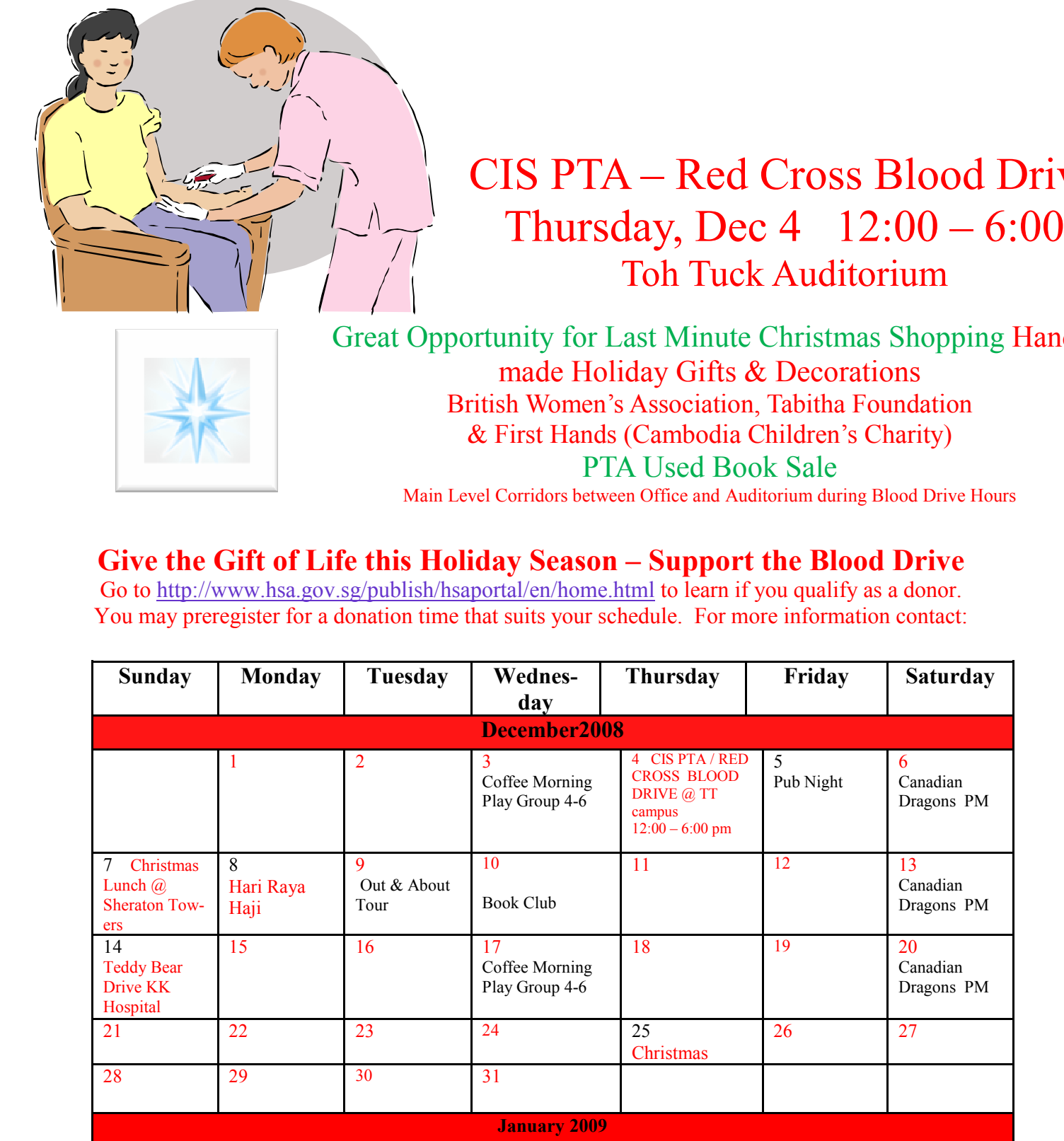
About Bombardier Metro vehicles
Bombardier is the number one supplier of metro vehicles worldwide. More than 3,300 BOMBARDIER MOVIA metro cars have already been ordered from the company to date. Bombardier metros are vital elements for mobility in cities like New York, Montreal, Toronto, Paris, London, Berlin, Bucharest, Stockholm, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Guangzhou, New Delhi and many others.

In Asia, Bombardier metro cars are in service with operators in Shanghai, Guangzhou, Shenzhen and Hong Kong. In June 2006, Bombardier celebrated the delivery of its 1,000th metro car to customers in Guangzhou Province.

About Bombardier Transportation
Bombardier Transportation has its global headquarters in Berlin, Germany with a presence in over 60 countries. It has an installed base of over 100,000 vehicles worldwide. The Group offers the broadest product portfolio and is recognized as the leader in the global rail sector.

About Bombardier
A world-leading manufacturer of innovative transportation solutions, from commercial aircraft and business jets to rail transportation equipment, systems and services, Bombardier Inc. is a global corporation headquartered in Canada. Its revenues for the fiscal year ended Jan. 31, 2008, were \$17.5 billion US, and its shares are traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange (BBD). Bombardier is listed as an index component to the Dow Jones Sustainability World and North America indexes. News and information are available at www.bombardier.com.

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Upcoming Event from Santa Fe

Santa Fe are proud to invite Robin Pascoe to Singapore between February 23rd – 25th, 2009. Robin Pascoe is a well-known Canadian author of books, articles, and a popular website www.expatexpert.com all written and designed to support the expatriate family. She is regularly invited to speak to international women's clubs, international school parent communities, and International Human Resource practitioners around the world on topics related to her five books on global living and most recently, about the findings of an international relocation survey she conducted in 2008 to determine the relocation needs of the moveable family, called "Family Matters". She has now lectured in 25 countries to a variety of nationalities and finds expatriate families share universal concerns before, after, and during their international relocations.

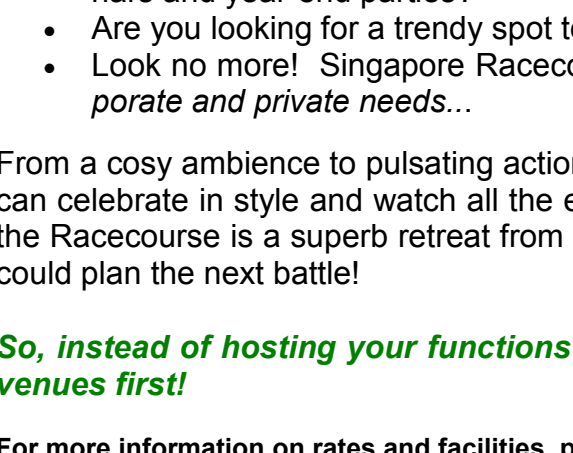
Robin's other popular presentations will include:
Raising global nomads: Parenting abroad in an on-demand world
A moveable marriage: Relocate your relationship without breaking it
Homeward bound: The shock of going home
Work-life balance in the global economy
Who are you anyway?
Understanding third culture kids in the classroom

Robin will be in Singapore as part of a lecture tour of Southeast Asia to speak on topics related to all of her books and her survey, including her most recent book "Raising Global Nomads: Parenting Abroad in an On-Demand World". She will be speaking Mon Feb 23, Tues Feb 24, and Wed Feb 25. Please take a look at www.expatexpert.com/presentations where all of Robin's talks are described. The events can run anywhere up to two hours (using power point) depending on the interest in question and answer, and in addition Robin will have copies of all her recent books at these events to sell and sign after the talk is finished.

Her blog at www.expatexpert.com/blog will give you an idea of where she has been speaking in the past year, everywhere from Europe to South America. And at www.expatexpert.com/about you can learn more about her personally.

MORE NEWS TO FOLLOW SO WATCH THIS SPACE!!

CAS Calendar of Events



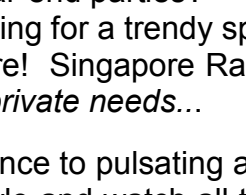
CIS PTA – Red Cross Blood Drive Thursday, Dec 4 12:00 – 6:00 Toh Tuck Auditorium



Great Opportunity for Last Minute Christmas Shopping Hand-made Holiday Gifts & Decorations
British Women's Association, Tabitha Foundation & First Hands (Cambodia Children's Charity)
PTA Used Book Sale
Main Level Corridors between Office and Auditorium during Blood Drive Hours

Give the Gift of Life this Holiday Season – Support the Blood Drive
Go to <http://www.hsa.gov.sg/publish/hsaportal/en/home.html> to learn if you qualify as a donor.
You may preregister for a donation time that suits your schedule. For more information contact:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 2008						
	1	2	3 Coffee Morning Play Group 4-6	4 CIS PTA / RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE @ TT campus 12:00 – 6:00 pm	5 Pub Night	6 Canadian Dragons PM
7 Christmas Lunch @ Sheraton Towers	8 Hari Raya Haji	9 Out & About Tour	10 Book Club	11	12	13 Canadian Dragons PM
14 Teddy Bear Drive KK Hospital	15	16	17 Coffee Morning Play Group 4-6	18	19	20 Canadian Dragons PM
21	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27
28	29	30	31			
January 2009						
				1 New Year's Day	2	3
4	5	6	7 Coffee AM Play Group	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Book Club	15	16 Can Cham Turf Club Race Night	17
18	19	20 Chick Flick Night	21 Coffee AM Play Group	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
February 2009						
1	2	3	4 Coffee AM Play Group	5	6	7
8	9	10 Out & About Tour	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Coffee AM Play Group	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Pottery Workshop - date may change	28



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