



# HKABA NSW Chapter

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## HKABA NSW CHAPTER EVENTS

### 14th May HKABA National Office and HKABA NSW Chapter Wine Tasting and Frequent Flyer Evening

The Wine Tasting and Frequent Flyer evening was held at Hong Kong House on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2014. This is the first time of National Office and NSW Chapter to hold a joint wine tasting event in Sydney. HKABA was delighted to have Mr. Peter Jackson, the marketing director of Winestate and Mr. Steve Hui, the founder and CEO of iFLYflat as the guest speakers of the evening. This event successfully attracted more than 70 attendees to enjoy a wide range of the finest Australian and New Zealand wine, as well as learning the strategies to maximise their frequent flyer and credit card points earned from every-day spending.

### 29th May Asia Pacific Networking Cocktail Evening

The 2014 Asia Pacific Networking Cocktail Evening kindly sponsored by BDO on 29<sup>th</sup> May. The primary theme of the event was to facilitate the communication among guests who have connections in Asia-Pacific Region. Presidents and representatives from more

than 15 Business Associations or Chambers of Commerce attended the events. The event has been successively held in the past five successive years. This year, it attracted the most participants with over 70 guests from various industries presented themselves at the function. Other Chambers of Commerce and Business Association attended included Australia China Business Council, Australia India Business Council NSW, Australia India Institute, Australia Indonesia Business Council, Australia Malaysia Business Association, Australia Myanmar Chamber of Commerce, Australia Philippines Business Council, Australia Singapore Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Australia Vietnam Business Council Ltd, Indonesian Chamber of Commerce, Japan Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Korean Society of Sydney and Opportunity International Australia. Ms. Bonnie Shek, Director of Australia and NZ, Hong Kong Trade Development Council and Mr. Grant Healy, Head of Asia Desk, National Australia Bank were invited to address the audience.



### Wine Tasting & Frequent Flyer Evening

Mr. Steve Barclay, HKETO, Government of HKSAR, Mr. Steve Hui, iFLYflat and NSW Chapter Committee members



### 2014 APN Cocktail Evening

Ms. Bonnie Shek, HKTDC, Mr. Steve Barclay, HKETO, Government of HKSAR, Mr. Grant Healy, NAB, representatives from chambers and NSW Chapter Committee members at BDO

## 2014 Business Awards Official Media Launch

The Hong Kong-Australia Business Association (HKABA) NSW Chapter, officially launched their annual Business Awards for 2014 on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June at Hong Kong House. The launch of the Awards was officially announced by Mr. Peter Mackey, Trade Manager, Australia Trade Commission (Austrade), Ms. Bonnie Shek, Director of Australia and New Zealand, Hong Kong Trade Development Council, and Mr. Bernard Lo, the Deputy Director of the Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office, Sydney, Government of the HKSAR.

This year marks the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the annual Hong Kong Australia Business Association- NSW Chapter Inc. Business Awards. It is designed to provide recognition



and incentive to NSW entrepreneurs and companies who strive for excellence in all aspects of international trade between NSW and Hong Kong SAR/China. The Business Awards has become a prestigious event within the NSW business community since its inception in 2000.

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Entrants will be competing in the following four categories: Export of Goods/Services, Import of Goods/Services, Business Development, and Business Excellence. The judging panel is chaired by Ms. Bonnie Shek, together with representatives from Hong Kong Economic & Trade Office, Sydney, Government of the HKSAR, Austrade, and the HKABA NSW Chapter Inc. Platinum Sponsors.

Mr Jonathan Yee, President of the HKABA NSW Chapter commented that "This year marks our 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the Business Awards was initiated and has grown to be one of the biggest business awards in NSW. The year of

2014 will be challenging for many small-businesses. Our Business Awards is a way of recognizing those hardworking entrepreneurs operating their businesses under difficult times. It also offers a good opportunity for a company to raise their profile in the business community. Ms.

Felicia Hon, the Chairperson of the Business Awards added that "Apart from the challenges, the year of 2014 presents lots of opportunities to all businesses globally especially those in Australia. Small to medium enterprises have demonstrated their competitiveness and resilience during the low time of the economy and it is their creativity, talent and hard work which help them re-capture those opportunities. Our Business Awards appreciates and highly regards those qualities of a business, which are the core aspects of our judging criteria.

# YPA Seminar: Financial Market Development in Australia and Asia: Opportunities and Challenges

HKABA NSW Chapter Young Professional Alliance (YPA) held its second event on 5th June with the topic Financial Market Development in Australia and Asia: Opportunities and Challenges at Hong Kong House. The Chapter had invited Mr. David Bassanese, one of the Australia's leading economics and financial market commentators and a senior finance journalist at Australian Financial Review to be the guest speaker.

The event was opened by the Master of Ceremony, Mr. Alby Lam, the committee member of HKABA NSW Chapter Young Professional Alliance and followed by a warm welcoming speech addressed by Mr. Jonathan Yee, the President of HKABA NSW Chapter, then by Mr. Jonathan Wu, Chairman of the YPA.

David made an in-depth analysis on the prospects of the Australian and Asian economic development, and shared some expertise on the opportunities and challenges that we encounter under the current economic circumstances.



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