

New group for young professionals

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LOCAL young professionals now have another avenue to socialise and network with the launch of the Hong Kong-Australia Business Association's Young Professionals Group.

The new group will not attempt to compete with other youth-focused programs like those run by the Australian Marketing Institute and the Australia-Israel Chamber of Commerce, but offers "less formal" choices, founder Vicky Kuok said.

"There are more than enough seminars and lecture events. Our objective is the same, but the method is different," Ms Kuok said.

"Unlike other professional groups, the aim is to develop a close-knit connection professionally, socially and personally, a group that develops business leads, cross-referencing and, furthermore, friendships.

"We will start with social activities,

offering young professionals another choice, something unique, to network," Ms Kuok said.

The group is jointly chaired by Ms Kuok and Malinda Kuo, with Wayne Cao looking after reporting and publicity. The trio has formed the first HKABA-SA YPG Committee and has called for more members to sign up.

The HKABA-SA Young Professionals Group will provide opportunities for members to pursue their professional, social and personal development. While the parent organisation, HKABA, will support the initiative, the group will function independently.

"If we need any support we will get it, but it's pretty much up to us in terms of what we want to do and how to pursue it," Ms Kuok said.

The HKABA-SA YPG's first outing will be a visit to Artlab Australia for an art restoration viewing tour next week.



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