



AMBC VIC UPDATE – March 2011

President's Message

Welcome to the March edition of the AMBC Victoria's Update newsletter. I am pleased to announce that we have a number of exciting events and programs that will be of benefit to our members, sponsors and supporters.

Firstly, I would to welcome and introduce the following new AMBC Vic business and student members that recently joined our business council –

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| Anne Asha | Quantum Point | Bernard Robin | The Good House Pty Ltd |
| Robert White | SDI International | Andy Lau | PKF Chartered Accountants |
| Eugene Sebastian | Monash University | Jenny Brown | JBS Financial Strategies |
| James Fabris | Free Trade Consultancy | | |

Student / Associates

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| Calista San | Ashley Toh | Jeannie Tai | Michelle Hua |
| Ting Tang Wen | William Docherty | Rebecca Brody | |

Malaysian Consulate-General (Melbourne)

I would also like to congratulate Malaysian Consul General to Melbourne, Dr. Mohamed Rameez Yahya acknowledge the opening of the office of the Malaysian Consulate-General Malaysia. Details are as follows –

Malaysian Consulate-General (Melbourne) Level 1, 432 St Kilda Road, Melbourne VIC 3004
Tel: 03 9573 5400 Fax: 03 9866 6204 Email: malmelbourne@kln.gov.my

Business Briefings & Networking Functions



We also have a number of high profile networking events and opportunities planned for the coming months, starting with the business briefing of Penang's Chief Minister Mr. Lim Guan Eng on Friday March 23rd.

This will be followed in early April by a function for HE Mr. Miles Kupa, Australian High Commissioner to Malaysia. This will be an AMBC members only event.

Plans are also well advanced for the satellite teleconference with Austrade Kuala Lumpur. This event is one of AMBC's most popular and we look forward to another informative and interesting update from Austrade's experts in Malaysia.

AMBC Members Directory

Last year the AMBC ASEAN resource and handbook was a very successful and much appreciated initiative.

All AMBC financial members and sponsors will soon be invited to include their business contact details, profile and service offering on an AMBC Members Directory.

Details will be forwarded to all AMBC members shortly.

Take Two Offers

What expertise, service or product could you offer as a gift to assist a new AMBC Victoria member in 2012 – 13?

The concept for this initiative is that all AMBC Vic members get access to a “Take Two” offers list from the AMBC Members Directory when they join. This is a great way for all AMBC members to demonstrate that we are a unique professional community dedicated to assisting each other to grow our businesses and succeed.

Current members can share their knowledge, experience and expertise and our newest members will receive practical assistance when they join AMBC.

AMBC members interested in this program will have the opportunity to register their details and offer in the Members Directory.

Fiesta Malaysia 2012



AMBC Victoria is proud to support the forthcoming Fiesta Malaysia event in Melbourne and acknowledges that outstanding efforts and contribution of the Malaysian Students' Council of Australia, Victoria (MASCA Victoria).

Fiesta Malaysia 2012 is a spectacular Melbourne event that promotes Malaysia's fabulous culture and society. This year's theme is "Embracing the Colours" and over the three event, Victorians will have the opportunity to experience a potpourri of sights, sounds, taste and aromas of Malaysia.

Fiesta Malaysia 2012 will be presented in an 'open house' style which is a common practice in various Malaysian festivals that see family, friends and even the whole neighbourhood coming together to celebrate with great fun and laughter.

Details: Argyle Square, Lygon Street

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| March 23 | 12:00pm | to | 8:00pm |
| March 24 | 11:00am | to | 8:00pm |
| March 25 | 11:00am | to | 5:00pm |

Visit the official event website for more details and information
www.fiestamalaysia.com.au

AMBC FTA Business Workshop

The Australia Malaysia Free Trade Agreement is expected to be signed in the coming months and will provide significantly enhanced business and investment opportunities between our two countries.

Coinciding with the FTA, AMBC Vic is planning an FTA workshop that will provide an excellent insight for Victorian based businesses into the opportunities available to them to export into Malaysia.

In addition, attendees will be provided with details of Malaysia's pro business infrastructure that can be accessed by businesses seeking to broaden their business prospects into the ASEAN region and beyond. Details will be confirmed shortly.

Department of Business & Innovation Victoria – Update

The Department of Business & Innovation is currently finalizing plans for two upcoming missions to Malaysia and Indonesia in July (tentative).

Details including Expressions of Interest will be made available shortly.

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| Vocational Education & Training (VET) | July 2012 – Malaysia & Indonesia |
| Infrastructure, Urban Design & Sustainability | July 2012 – Malaysia & Indonesia |

In closing, on behalf of the AMBC Executive Committee, I wish to thank all our members, sponsors and supporters for your encouragement and acknowledgement of the AMBC efforts, programs and initiatives.

We look forward to connecting with you in person very shortly at the next function or event.

Kind regards

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President, AMBC Victoria

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