



The Weekly Newsletter of The Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25TH, 2009

MUSTREAD

BANKING | Canada Envy, Amid a Global Meltdown

> Whether measured by market value, balance sheet strength or profitability, Canada's banks, Royal Bank, Scotia Bank, and Bank of Montreal are rising to the top. Since the credit crunch began in the summer of 2007, the Big Five banks have booked a total of \$18.9-billion in profits.

[Entire article](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Canadian Chamber Events

26 Thursday, March
FUNDRAISING | 2009 The Great Canadian Rugby 7s Lunch
12:00pm-3:00pm
The China Club, 13/F, The Old Bank of China Building, Bank Street, Central

> Show your support for the Canadian team by taking this chance to get to know the players over lunch and bid on some great silent auction items to raise money for The Rugby Canada Foundation.....<<more

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Tuesday, March

SEMINAR | “How I Started: How I Made It” Discussion Panel Series

6:30pm-8:00pm

Chamber Boardroom, Suite 1301 Kinwick Centre, 32 Hollywood Road, Central

> *Speaker: Mr. Ryder Chau, Mr. Brian Robert Brown*

This Discussion Panel is a forum for exchange of ideas, sharing of experiences, and providing present and aspiring entrepreneurs and business owners with assistance in finding solutions to common business problems and challenges in starting or growing a business.

The Series is designed specifically for Hong Kong-based entrepreneurs and business people who are either contemplating the start-up of a new business or have already been in business for a few years. Therefore, the Panel will be helpful to those who are looking for new ideas, different business strategies, solutions to business problems, and more profitable ways of doing things.....<<more

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Friday, April

SOCIAL | April Happy Hour!

6:00pm-9:00pm

California, G/F, California Tower, 30-32 D’Aguilar Street, Central, HK

> Come to sunny California in LKF to escape the start of rainy season in HK and enjoy happy hour-priced drinks and free flow canapés prepared by French trained Chef Raymond!!.....<<more

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Saturday, May

SOCIAL | The 2009 Canadian Chamber Annual Ball: The Haida Awakening

7:00pm-Late

The Grand Hyatt Hong Kong

> We are delighted to announce a gala unique from all others. The 2009 Annual Ball will be taking place, on Saturday, May 16, 2009 at the Grand Hyatt Hong Kong. The Theme this year is "The Haida Awakening.".....<<more

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Co-Hosted Events

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Monday, March

WORKSHOP | Business Communication Writing Workshop Info Design: Info Structure

6:30PM – 9:30PM

Council Chamber, 4th Floor, Duke of Windsor Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai

> The Workshop is conducted by an experienced Applied Linguist, who is a native speaker of

English. The Workshop will take place over a six week period with one session of three hours per week. Successful candidates will be issued with a Certificate of Achievement (Also based on attendance).....<<more

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NEWMEMBERS

CORPORATE | Ernst & Young, Larry Mills, Anders Lau, and Raymond Bao – Partners

> 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.

At Ernst & Young, we are responding to the globalization of your business and industry. Our practices across 140 countries are organized into integrated geographic Areas, making us the most globally integrated professional services organization.

Our network in the Far East consists of 16 country and territory practices, led by a single executive team that works closely with our Americas, Europe, Middle East, India and Africa, Japan and Oceania Areas to provide you with truly integrated global service.

Our integrated model means we can pool our investments to further develop our practices, so you can benefit from our ability to provide bigger and more experienced teams. And because we operate as a united, connected and consistent organization, you will benefit from our global perspectives and operational effectiveness.

Our experience in China dates back to 1981 when we were among the first international professional services networks to set up operations on the mainland. We offer assurance, tax, transaction and advisory services to many large and fast-growth Chinese companies, and multinationals operating in China.

Our China network comprises 14 offices in Hong Kong, Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Dalian, Wuhan, Chengdu, Macau, Suzhou, Tianjin, Qingdao, Hangzhou and Xiamen. So wherever you are, you are never far from us. And with 8,000 people in China, we can put together the right people at the right time in the right place to give you the seamless service you need.

CORPORATE | Natural Springs Australia (HK) Limited, Tim Carey – Director

> Since 2006 Natural Springs Australia (Hong Kong) Ltd. has been providing clean, pure, healthy spring water in 15L bottles to homes and offices across the city. Other than Hong Kong, Natural Springs Australia has offices in Australia, Singapore and Macau, making quality spring water easily accessible to locations where none is available.

By employing a unique shipping method, the company is able to transport its water, while maintaining the outstanding quality expected of pure Australian natural spring water.

Natural Springs Australia sources its water from a naturally sustainable spring from one of Australia's finest protected aquifers in the ancient mountains of Victoria, where it rains in abundance and is surrounded by untouched state forests. They call their water "Living Energy," as it contains all of the natural oxygen and minerals that nature intended.

Their natural spring water is available in 15L bottles that are made from recyclable, non-toxic polycarbonate bottles, which are delivered to both residential and commercial customers, who have discriminating taste, particularly when it comes to the taste and the quality of their water.

Natural Springs Australia's operations include not only water delivery, but also bottling, sales and a bottle collection service, to ensure that all bottles are reused and recycled.

INDIVIDUAL | Julie Bolduc, Director, Practitioner – Asia Animal Therapy Limited

INDIVIDUAL | Gilles Boudreau, Director of Finance – BRP

INDIVIDUAL | Albert Wing Kuen Wong, Managing Director – KND Corporate Advisory Service Ltd

INDIVIDUAL | Stephen Wortley, Partner – Lang Michener LLP

INDIVIDUAL | Ky Jablonowski, Massage Therapist – Sutherland Chan Centre (Div. of CW Health Ltd.)

CANADIAN&MEMBERNEWS

SOCIAL | The Haida Awakening

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This year the Chambers will again amaze as they reach deep into Haida lore, the rich and powerful mythology of Canada's West Coast natives, to weave a spell and transform our corner of Hong Kong into a blockbuster evening of magic. The Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong and Macau set the new standard for premiere events in Hong Kong with last year's "A Night in the Ice Palace". We attracted more than 400 guests to last year's ball and this year, we expect a record number of influential business leaders and their VIP guests, socialites, senior government officials and friends of the Canadian and Hong Kong business communities.

[Entire article](#)

BUSINESS | Melco China Resorts!

> The skiing at the new Yabuli resort this winter has been awesome and they've been able to enjoy some great turns down the mountain with many. For those that haven't had a chance to come up yet the snow's been great, the sun's been shining, and the new hotels, trails, heated lifts, spa, restaurants and the Star Bar (!!!) have been enjoyed with folks from China, Japan, Italy, Hong Kong, Austria, Canada, the US and Oz. They've recently been featured on YouTube so you can see for yourself. Check them out at...

www.youtube.com/watch?v=OYXK-Sn0h5Q ...all shot on location at the Sun Mountain Yabuli resort this Winter (and certainly way better than any videos of the old resort in the years previously)

LAW | Blake, Cassels and Graydon – Canadian lawyers making the moves in Beijing

> Chamber member Robert Kwauk of BCG leads the charge in the nation's capital.

[Entire article](#)

REAL ESTATE | CDL Works with Leading Experts Worldwide to Seize Opportunities in China

> Dr. William Yip, chairman of Canada Land Limited, a publicly traded Chinese real estate development firm, today announced plans to establish the CDL China Real Estate Opportunity Fund to invest in distressed Chinese real estate and other unique real estate opportunities in Greater China.

CDL intends to develop investment funds in the future that will seek to exploit the current correction in the Greater China real estate market in order to achieve maximum long-term gains.

Information summarized from: CDL Press Release

ECONOMY | Jump in Car Sales Boosts Canada Retail Sales

> An unusual rise in new car purchases helped spur Canadian retail sales in January to their first increase since September, a greater than expected 1.9 percent, according to Statistics Canada data released on Friday. The automotive sector as a whole, including gasoline sales, rose by 3.8 percent in January.

[Entire article](#)

NON-PROFIT | We've Moved! The Lion Rock Institute Expands

> The Lion Rock Institute (www.lionrockinstitute.org), Hong Kong's leading independent, free market think tank, today settled into its new headquarters office in Hong Kong. A dramatic increase in demand for the Institute's research and activities necessitated a move to a new facility more than three times the size of the Institute's previous office.

Peter Wong, the Executive Director of The Lion Rock Institute said, "Our new headquarters office will enable us to better respond to the needs of the public and will support growth in all directions, including education, outreach and research."

The Lion Rock Institute was recently nominated as one the leading think tanks in the world in "[The Global 'Go-To Think Tanks'](#)" study by the Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program at the University of Pennsylvania.

The Institute's new address is Room 1207 Kai Tak Commercial Building, 317-319 Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong. The main phone and fax number have not changed.

TRAVEL | Brand New Hong Kong Heliport

> Sky Shuttle Helicopters has a brand new helipad and passenger lounge at the Hong Kong Heliport which operated on 25th March 2009. The spacious new 6,000 square feet passenger lounge is located at Level 6 of Hong Kong Macau Ferry Terminal. We hope our new facilities make for a more pleasant and enjoyable experience overall.

MEMBERPROMOTIONS

FOOD | Celebrate Hotel Panorama's 1st Anniversary

> Enjoy an array of GREAT VALUES for HK\$328

From March 28 to April 30, Hotel Panorama by Rhombus will offer an array of GREAT VALUE packages to celebrate our 1st Anniversary.

Santa Lucia Restaurant & Sky Bar features a 4-course Gourmet Menu at *HK\$328 for 2 people, prepared by our Maître Rôtisseur, Chef Ken. To celebrate its first birthday, our Sky Bar will offer a Monthly Drink Pass at HK\$328 for you to enjoy a Free Flow of a selection of drinks during DJ Nights, every Friday & Saturday, until April 25, 2009. Please call us for reservations at 3550 0262.

Café Express will highlight its sumptuous Wagyu Beef & Hokkaido Milk Buffet throughout the month of April and

the Caviar & Salmon Buffet for the remainder of March. To celebrate Hotel Panorama's 1st Anniversary, you can now enjoy this value-to-dollar Dinner Buffet at *HK\$328 for 2 people, from Monday to Thursday. Please call us for reservations at 3550 0275.

Our celebration offers do not stop here. All Birthday Stars from March 28 to April 28 can enjoy a delectable birthday cake from our Sweet Corner. During the entire month of April, Sweet Corner will be featuring a new array of cakes that will bring you the aura of Spring. Show your Hong Kong ID on your special day and redeem a **FREE BIRTHDAY CAKE at our Sweet Corner (until supplies last and only one offer per person). **Only valid on the date of your birthday

Join our celebration and seize the opportunity to enjoy our value-to-dollar offers during this special time of the year! For further information, please call Hotel Panorama at 3550 0388 or the restaurants directly.

* Prices are subject to a 10% service charge

TRAVEL | Chamber Member E-Cruising Helps You Relax in Style Across Asia!

> Last minute Easter Deal departing Hong Kong on the 10th of April for a 15 night cruise to Shanghai from \$6699.00 HKD! This is exclusive to Canadian Chamber for two days!

Only 10 cabins at this price, see Hong Kong's leading cruise agent for bookings!

<http://www.ecruising.travel/HK/Details.aspx?id=7007>

or

Just in is a 4 night fly/cruise and stay package on Legend of the Seas. You'll fly to Shanghai on the 23rd of April and stay that night at the Hyatt on the Bund, a great 5 star hotel. You'll then board Legend of the Seas for a 3 night cruise back to Hong Kong and Xiamen along the way. This great package is now only \$6299.00 HKD! Call us now on 3711 3238 or [click here for details](#).

Hong Kong to Singapore 12 night package! If the above is too short for you, then this is great value. Board Legend of the Seas on the 27th of April, you'll visit Sanya, Danang, Nha Trang, Ho Chi Minh City, Sihanoukville and overnight in Bangkok. Our package includes 1 night post cruise at Novotel Clarke Quay, all transfers in Singapore, one-way flight back to Hong Kong, on board gratuities, port/govt taxes and bonus Bangkok tour! All from an amazing \$11,299.00 HKD! [click here for details](#).

FOOD | Easter Celebrations at Island Shangri-La, Hong Kong

> Easter is just around the corner; celebrate your Easter holidays with a series of dining options including eight-course set dinner at the Michelin one-star Restaurant Petrus, scrumptious buffets at cafe TOO, as well as Easter afternoon tea set at Lobby Lounge and Island Gourmet.

For a gift that truly embraces the Easter spirits, customize an Easter hamper for special friends and families by adding a range of Easter character with other goodies such as cookies, wines, tea and macaroons at Island Gourmet. Or simply choose the Island Gourmet Easter hamper consisting of home-made cookies, chocolate bunny, chocolate Easter chick, Easter egg and stuffed toy, priced at HK\$488.

For more details, please visit

<http://www.shangri-la.com/en/property/hongkong/islandshangrila/dining/diningevents>

or contact the restaurants directly:

Restaurant Petrus	2820 8590 / petrus.isl@shangri-la.com
cafe TOO	2820 8571 / cafetoo.isl@shangri-la.com
Island Gourmet	2820 8550 / islandgourmet.isl@shangri-la.com

FOOD | La Bodega is now open for lunch

> Spanish Tapas Set Lunch

Monday to Friday 12pm – 3pm
Salad bar or soup, a choice of 3 tapas, dessert, tea or coffee
2 course - \$98 per person
3 course - \$108 per person

10% service charge applies

La Bodega
42 D'Aguilar Street, Lan Kwai Fong, Central
Tel: 2524 7790

FOOD | Lunch Buffet at Pier 7

> IGOR's Group Lunch Buffet

Daily 12pm – 2:30pm
Salad Bar & Carvery Station, Tea or coffee
From \$98 per person

PIER 7 Café & Bar
Shop M, Roof Viewing Deck, Central Pier 7, Star Ferry, Central
Tel: 2617 8377

SEMINAR | Canada - HK Innovation and Technology Partnering Forum

> 14 April 2009, 2:30 pm - 5:30 pm, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre

To foster closer collaboration between Canada and Hong Kong in ICT sector, a delegation of over 20 Canadian companies, representing sub-sectors of Software, IT Services, Wireless and Electronics, will visit Hong Kong to participate at the ICT Expo 2009. A Canada - HK Innovation and Technology Partnering Forum - Seminar and Business Matching will be organized on 14 April 2009, 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre.

You are invited to meet with the Canadian delegates at the Partnering Seminar. For information on Canadian delegates and registration, please click:

<http://202.82.161.157/eDM/page/welcome.aspx?type=93A8BFED870D6977>

For enquiries, please contact Ms. Dolores Wong, Consulate General of Canada, Tel: +852 28677365 or email: dolores.wong@international.gc.ca

ENTERTAINMENT | Cirque du Soleil: ZAIA

> 50% Student Offer until end of March 2009
Prices from MOP\$194
Only at The Venetian Macao, Cotai Strip
Valid identification is required
Booking Hotline: Macao +853 2882 8818 Hong Kong +852 6333 6660
Tickets can be booked in person at Cotai Ticketing box offices

ART | Exhibit of limited edition prints of Hong Kong

> Wittgenstein Editions Gallery is currently showcasing a limited edition range of prints from star photographer Chris Lusher. These Hong Kong captured shots are striking in their detail. The colours vibrate and verge on the surreal and make you question if you really see what you think you see in Hong Kong. Mr. Lusher's limited edition prints will be showcased at the Wittgenstein Editions Gallery at 41 Gage Street in Central. Please call Clémétine de Forton for viewings at 2542 2628. The exhibit will be in place until the end of April.

OTHER | Baby...Boomers?

> As Hong Kong births reach a 25-year high, Central's newest maternity boutique, Nine Months, and massage professionals Sutherland-Chan join forces, promoting the surprising range of benefits that massage offers mothers-to-be. To celebrate this collaboration, Nine Months and Sutherland-Chan are offering free 45-minute pregnancy massage sessions to pregnant shoppers spending over \$1,000 at Nine Months between 1st-21st April 2009.

Sutherland-Chan Centre is open Monday-Saturday, 8am-8pm. www.sccentre.com.hk

OTHER | Canadians Abroad Project

> The Global Canadians Photo Contest 2009 – a fun part of the Canadians Abroad project – kicks off today. All Canadians are invited to submit photos reflecting the Global Canadians theme. Please visit our website at <http://www.asiapacific.ca/canadiansabroad/contest>

CHAMBER OPPORTUNITIES

Membership Information

> For more information on how to join the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong – the largest and most active Canadian business organization in the world outside Canada, please email your membership manager at luigi_latona@cancham.org or call 2110-8700.

> Changing jobs? Addresses? Emails? Let us know! Contact luigi_latona@cancham.org or call 2110-8700 and we'll keep your information up-to-date.

Publications

> The Chamber produces the weekly Exchange Express (e-news), Exchange (quarterly magazine), electronic direct mail services and the annual directory. For advertising inquiries, please contact fanny_chan@cancham.org or 2110 8711.

Please note that members should not abuse the privilege of having other CanCham members' contact information.

Boardroom Rentals

> The Chamber's boardroom is available seven days a week for hourly rental. Our 612 square foot, multi-purpose boardroom can accommodate up to 50 people for meetings, lectures, seminars, luncheons, presentations, and more. For bookings or inquiries, please contact Dipal Sandhu at 2110 8700, or dipal_sandhu@cancham.org.

COMMITTEEMEETINGS

> These meetings are open to all Chamber members in good standing. Committee involvement allows you to enjoy quality networking opportunities as well as assist the Chamber in addressing opportunities and challenges within your industry. Please click [here](#) for further details on each committee.

- 26** Thursday, March
MEETING | IT&T Committee
6.30pm-8.00pm
The Canadian Chamber of Commerce Boardroom, 1301, Kinwick Centre, 32 Hollywood Road, Central
- 30** Monday, March
MEETING | Education Committee
6.30pm-8.00pm
The Canadian Chamber of Commerce Boardroom, 1301, Kinwick Centre, 32 Hollywood Road, Central
- 2** Thursday, April
MEETING | Property Committee
6.30pm-8.00pm
The Canadian Chamber of Commerce Boardroom, 1301, Kinwick Centre, 32 Hollywood Road, Central
- 6** Monday, April
MEETING | China Business Committee
6.30pm-8.00pm
The Canadian Chamber of Commerce Boardroom, 1301, Kinwick Centre, 32 Hollywood Road, Central
- 16** Thursday, April
MEETING | Young Professionals Committee
6.30pm-8.00pm
The Canadian Chamber of Commerce Boardroom, 1301, Kinwick Centre, 32 Hollywood Road, Central
- 17** Friday, April
MEETING | Sustainable Development Committee
8.00am-9.00am
The Canadian Chamber of Commerce Boardroom, 1301, Kinwick Centre, 32 Hollywood Road, Central
- 20** Monday, April
MEETING | Social Committee
7.00pm-8.30pm
The Canadian Chamber of Commerce Boardroom, 1301, Kinwick Centre, 32 Hollywood Road, Central
- 21** Tuesday, April
MEETING | Entrepreneur & Small Business Committee
8.15am-9.10am
The Canadian Chamber of Commerce Boardroom, 1301, Kinwick Centre, 32 Hollywood Road, Central

Please RSVP to Dipal Sandhu, indicating committee name in the subject line, at dipal_sandhu@cancham.org in case of date change.

EXTENDED NETWORK

FUNDRAISER | Open Passage Expedition: Fundraiser Party!

> Support Canadian Cameron Dueck as he sets off to chronicle the impact of global warming on native communities as the NorthWest Passage becomes open year round. The Arctic Sailing Team in their Climate Change Adventure will depart from Victoria this summer.

Thurs, April 2, 7:30 until late

Philia Lounge, 4 Arbutnot Road, Central

\$100 entry * Cash bar

Music from AKW, raffle draw for sailing prizes

OVERSEAS | Singapore - Canadian Chamber/Canadian Alumni Golf Day 2009

> Date: Thursday, 2nd April

Registration: Seletar Country Club from 11:00 am onwards
(includes simple Golfer's lunch buffet)

Shot-gun Start: From 1:00pm onwards

Dinner: Seletar Room, Seletar Country Club from 7:00pm on-wards

Tournament Info: 18 Hole Shot-gun Star -- Stableford format

Price Includes: Green Fee, buggy, tournament shirt, towel, buffet lunch & dinner and exclusive golfer's goodie bag

For Booking Form: [Click Here](#)

COMMUNITY | Vote for Canada! Support the Canuck!

> You might have heard about the "Best Job in the World" contest, it's been written up in the globe and mail and other places. Right now, they are doing wild card voting for contenders and we've got a Canadian in the top three (as of March 5th). His video is hilarious!

<http://www.islandreefjob.com/#/Mitchell>

Check it out and vote Canadian if you like it :)

VOLUNTEER | Employee Volunteer Week

> Let's put our hands together for the community

Join the many companies taking part in Hong Kong's first Employee Volunteer Week 10 -16 May 2009

<http://www.communitybusiness.org.hk/EVWeek2009/>

Employee volunteering (EV) is an inexpensive way to enhance employees' skills and can enable companies to demonstrate their commitment to the community during tough economic times. EV is an essential part of CSR; particularly during a period of economic recession. During EV Week, companies may allow its employees to take time off during the week to volunteer on their own, or it may organise a specific activity or programme of activities for its employees to participate in.

Many companies in Hong Kong may already have successful and active employee volunteering programmes. By identifying a single week in which companies are encouraged to take action in the community, the impact and awareness of such activities can increase dramatically.

Join the many companies taking part and demonstrate your company's commitment by signing up today. For more information, please see: <http://www.communitybusiness.org.hk/EVWeek2009> or contact Ada Wong at

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