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

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST, 2009

MUSTREAD

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http://www.thestandard.com.hk/news_detail.asp?pp_cat=1&art_id=80289&sid=23289473&con_type=1&d_str=20090331&sear_year=2009

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<http://news.prnewswire.com/ViewContent.aspx?ACCT=109&STORY=/www/story/03-31-2009/0004997990&EDATE=>

And the City of Dreams will meld East and West at the Hard Rock Café

http://www.thestandard.com.hk/news_detail.asp?we_cat=4&art_id=80364&sid=23308837&con_type=1&d_str=20090401&fc=4

UPCOMING EVENTS

Canadian Chamber Events

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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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Thursday, April

SEMINAR | Luncheon with The Honourable Stockwell Day, Minister of International Trade

12:00pm-2:00pm

Grand Ballroom, The Grand Hyatt Hong Kong, 1 Harbour Road, HK

> *Speaker(s) : The Honourable Stockwell Day, Minister of International Trade and Minister for the Asia-Pacific Gateway*

Come and join us for an engaging discussion over lunch with the Honourable Stockwell Day.

Stockwell Day was first elected to the House of Commons in 2000 and re-elected in 2004, 2006 and 2008. In February 2006, Mr. Day was appointed Minister of Public Safety.....<<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

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Tuesday, May

SEMINAR | Emergency Briefing on BC Provincial Election

6:30pm-8:00pm

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

> *Speaker(s) : Mr. Clark M. Roberts, Partner, Gowling Lafleur Henderson*

On May 12, 2009, British Columbia will hold a general election to choose a new Provincial government.

Will it be the re-election of Gordon Campbell and the BC Liberals? Or will Carole James and the New Democratic Party be elected to govern the Province?.....<<more

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Wednesday, May

SEMINAR | UpClose with Tom Peters

9:00am-4:00pm

Four Seasons Hotel Hong Kong, 8 Finance Street, Central

> *Speaker(s) : Mr. Tom Peters*

Tom Peters' one day interactive workshop will be the biggest opportunity for your business's future as we head toward the most major economic turmoil since World War II. With his famous 'bias for action' Tom Peters will bring you a day full of answers to your questions about the recession.....<<more

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Co-Hosted Events

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Monday, May

WORKSHOP | Business Communication Writing Workshop Info Design: Info Structure

Convention Center, Vancouver

> **Managing Challenges and Realizing Opportunities in Today's Economic Climate**

Keynote Address: Mr. John Tsang, Financial Secretary of Hong Kong

Breakout sessions include:

- * Finance
- * Supply Chain & Logistics
- * Mining/Energy
- * Legal
- * HK & China Business Environment
- * IT/ICT
- * Life Sciences/Biotech/Environment

THE HKCBA IS STILL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR HONG KONG BASED SPEAKERS.

Please contact Andrew Work at andrew_work@cancham.org if interested.

Cost: \$200 for members, \$300 for non-members, \$100 for students

For more information, contact Joyce Chung at nationaled@hkcbac.com<<more

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NEWMEMBERS

CORPORATE | International School of Sino Canada, Karen Berrouard – Head of Admissions and Public Relations

> The International School of Sino Canada (ISSC) is an International school with an international vision. It was founded in 2002 as a school embracing future generations. The vision became a reality through the co-operation of the Government of Canada, the Province of New Brunswick (www.gnb.ca) and the foresight of Dr. Francis Pang. As Shenzhen rapidly becomes an international city, it is clear that one important component needs to be part of it - international schools for the children of expatriates to study in English. ISSC fulfills that mission. The goal of the school is to provide a diverse student body with an exceptional education, instilling in young people a love of learning, the ability to think independently, and the confidence to pursue their dreams and goals. Our school is a learning community of Kindergarten through to Grade 12.

ISSC is located on Nanguang Road in the Nanshan District of Shenzhen , China .We are very proud of our spacious, beautiful campus with a full outside track, basketball and tennis courts, and a huge soccer field. Our facilities provide many areas for children to play outdoors, safely. In addition, our garden areas allow children to just enjoy the outdoors at play time.

The ISSC community is nurturing and supportive, filled with a faculty that cares deeply about each and every student; a staff that is committed to the school. As Canadians, we believe fully in the concept of multiculturalism and promote increased understanding between all cultures within our walls and beyond. All of our staff are Canadian certified and therefore have a Canadian undergraduate degree followed by a graduate degree specializing in education. Many hold a “Masters in Education” degree. Our guaranteed low student - teacher ratio assures that each child’s individual needs can be met. Our Canadian curriculum is accepted as strong curriculum across the world (see PISA results). Graduates of ISSC are readily accepted to universities in Canada, United States, and most countries with simply a transcript of marks from our school.

Children at ISSC are taught to have a happy appreciation of their local and global environment and to give back to their communities through directed fund raising activity. We believe that Mandarin will be an important language of the future. Therefore, our students study Mandarin every day as part of their regular course load. At ISSC we provide enrichment activities in French, Drama, Art, Sports, and Music as part of the school day to round out the student’s experience. Each of our classrooms here at ISSC is equipped with state of the art technology including Smart Boards. We are confident that our graduates will become successful citizens of the world.

We welcome you to come and visit our beautiful campus in Nanshan District, Shenzhen. See for yourself all the wonderful opportunities available to you in a friendly, challenging, and exciting school.

INDIVIDUAL | Cathy Cheng-Ye Yao, Managing Director – British Columbia Trade and Investment Representative Office-South China

INDIVIDUAL | Robert M. Diefendorf, Director – Buyers and Renters Property Agency (A Division of Global Welcome)

INDIVIDUAL | Silvia Carius, Associate – Hong Kong Executive Search

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL | Cho Kong (Joe) Tse, Sales Executive – Humanscale

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](#)

TECHNOLOGY | The BlackBerry Storm Smartphone Is Coming to Hong Kong

> Research In Motion (RIM) today introduces the BlackBerry® Storm™ smartphone in Hong Kong. The BlackBerry Storm smartphone features the world's first "clickable" touch-screen, which dramatically enhances the touch interface and enables easy and precise typing.

The BlackBerry Storm smartphone boasts exceptional performance, a stunning display, 3G (HSPA) network support, desktop-style web pages and advanced multimedia capabilities including a 3.2 megapixel camera with video recording, a powerful media player and an expandable memory card slot. The BlackBerry Storm also includes a first class phone, easy access to popular IM and social networking services, built-in GPS and the industry's leading email and messaging capabilities – all designed to give users an incredibly powerful, fast and intuitive mobile experience.

"We are excited to introduce the BlackBerry Storm, the world's first clickable touch-screen smartphone, in Hong Kong," said Norm Lo, Vice President of Asia Pacific at RIM. "With its rich set of features, chic design and renowned communications capabilities, the BlackBerry Storm allows customers to make the most of their time with a fashionable and friendly smartphone."

The BlackBerry Storm smartphone brings images and videos to life with sharp and vibrant colour through its stunning 3.25-inch, high resolution (480x360 at 184 ppi) display. Featuring a built-in media player that handles a range of video and music formats, it also supports video streaming and can be synchronised with iTunes®* for music content or wirelessly connected (via Bluetooth®) to a home stereo using the BlackBerry® Music Gateway.

For easy access to popular IM and social networking services, the BlackBerry Storm comes with purpose-built applications for Facebook®, Windows Live™ Messenger, Yahoo!® Messenger, Google Talk™, and Flickr™. The smartphone also conveniently supports multitasking so users are not forced to constantly open and close applications.

The BlackBerry Storm smartphone is expected to be available in Hong Kong from 1010, 3 Hong Kong, China Mobile Hong Kong Company Limited, one2free and SmarTone-Vodafone in the second quarter 2009. For more information on pricing and service plans, please contact the respective carriers.

BUSINESS | Dreams to come true in June!

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AVIATION | Who is Calin Rovinescu? No stranger to Air Canada

> Mr. Rovinescu's appointment as president and CEO of Air Canada marks the first time that a Canadian has led Air Canada since 1992, when Claude Taylor was in charge.

MEMBERPROMOTIONS

SOCIAL | The Mix & Mingle

> Enjoy a Fun Filled Night of Socializing, networking and learn innovative ways to Do More With Less for your business.

A 30 minute special discussion panel will feature business professionals discussing their thoughts and ideas on how you can do more business with less resources, capital and people.

Guest Speakers.

Natalie Tong P.R & Marketing Manager Greater China (Servcorp) and Alexandra Yung Managing Director of Creasians Company & President of the Entrepreneurs Club

Date: April 8, 2009 (Wednesday)

Time: 7:00pm-9:00pm

Venue: Philia Lounge

<http://www.sjconsultinggroup.com/emailmarketing/link.php?M=546&N=7&L=21&F=H>

Location: 4 Arbutnot Road, Central

Map: Google Map

<http://www.sjconsultinggroup.com/emailmarketing/link.php?M=546&N=7&L=26&F=H>

Price: \$50 Admission

RSVP by April 7,2009: sheldon@sjconsultinggroup.com

(By Invitation only, Limited Capacity)

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 | Shangri La Kowloon

> 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

Cafe Kool birthday discount:

Discount is based on the age of the birthday member, ie if the member's birthday age is 30, he/she will get a 30% discount for the whole table; if the member's age is 80, he/she will get a 80% discount for the whole table, and so forth;

the maximum discount for this offer will be 100%;

it is valid for buffet and non-alcoholic drinks at lunch and dinner from Monday to Sunday at our Cafe Kool, which is located on the mezzanine level;

it is valid until 30 December 2009;

it is valid for a minimum of 6 persons and a maximum of 12 persons;
any members of your chamber are entitled to enjoy this offer;

it is valid on the birthday date only;

the birthday member must partake in the meal;

identity and membership card have to be presented to verify the birthday and the membership status to enjoy the benefits;

the above offer cannot be used in conjunction with any discounts, privileges, gift certificates, etc;
advance booking is required;

Blackout dates: 9 & 10 May, 21 June, 24, 25 & 26 December 2009 and all fireworks display nights.

www.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

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.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- > 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.

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Thursday, April

MEETING | Property Committee

6.30pm-8.00pm

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce Boardroom, 1301, Kinwick Centre, 32 Hollywood Road, Central

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MEETING | Young Professionals Committee

6.30pm-8.00pm

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Friday, April

MEETING | Sustainable Development Committee

8.00am-9.00am

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MEETING | Social Committee

7.00pm-8.30pm

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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 ada@communitybusiness.org.hk

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