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FOOD | Tim Hortons snaps up 12 Dunkin' Donuts stores

> Tim Hortons is stepping up its push into Manhattan 's coffee wars by taking over a dozen Dunkin' Donut outlets that were involved in a legal squabble because of unsanitary conditions -- including a doughnut-eating mouse that made national headlines several years ago.

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UPCOMINGEVENTS

17 Friday, July

SEMINAR | Where is Canada Headed?

6:30pm - 8:00pm

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

Members: 200HKD Non-Members: 300HKD

Speaker: John Weston, West Vancouver Member of Parliament

> Constitutional expert, ex-Taipei resident and West Van MP, John Weston has a unique perspective on where our country is headed. You are invited to the Chamber for a wide ranging discussion over drinks on the major influences shaping Canada 's future ranging from constitutional to immigration to ethical issues facing Canadian society today. John Weston sees Canada from our perspective – he reads and writes Mandarin based on his decade long stint living in Taipei . He understands the importance of the Asian future, while having inroads into a broad range of other communities rising in Canada .

This will be an off-the-record discussion with a rising star in the Canadian parliament. Speaking Canada 's three most prominent languages, he is well positioned to communicate effectively with a vast majority of Canadians as they find their place in the Asia Pacific Century.

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17 Friday, July

CHARITY | ROCK ON!

9:00pm - 12:00am

The Melting Pot, Winly Building, Shop 3, No. 1 - 5, Elgin Street, Central (Intercession of Hollywood Road and Elgin Street)

Members: 280HKD Non-Members: 330HKD

> Will feature 3 hard rocking bands playing at The Melting Pot to raise money for charity. Open Bar! Click [here](#) to find out more.

Presented by our friends at AmCham. Canadian Chamber members can attend at members' rates. Please email canada@cancham.org to RSVP at member rates.

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4 Tuesdays, August
11 **WORKSHOP | Workshop for Effective Executive/Personal Assistants**
18 6:30pm - 9:30pm
25 Member Companies: 2350HKD
Non-Member Companies: 2650HKD
Council Chamber, 4th Floor, Duke of Windsor Building, 15 Hennessy Road, Wanchai

For Early Bird, You will get a discount of 10% for registering on or before 30 July.
For Group, You will get a discount of 10% for two people or more from the same company

> This Workshop is specially designed to help you deal with the growing role of an Executive/Personal Assistant in the modern day office. It has been very popular both locally and outside Hong Kong. Since 2007, the Workshop has been run in Tokyo and Hong Kong with local and overseas delegates from Shanghai, Chongqing, Guangdong, Taipei and Korea.

The Workshop is conducted by an experienced Management Consultant who specializes in Management and Business Communication Skills for both expatriate and local executives. Major organizations where he has led workshops include Swire, HSBC, Wal-Mart and Hospital Authority. He has been running his own business for the last sixteen years. Previous to that, he has held senior management posts in the public and private sector.

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7 Friday, August

SEMINAR | The Tipping Point: Why Changes Happen and How Trends Work by Malcolm Gladwell

9:00am - 1:00pm

Members: 4500HKD (Special Price Code: CanCham Malcolm * After July 16, member rate will be 5200 HKD)

Non-Members: 5200HKD (After July 16, non-member rate will be 6000 HKD)

The Four Seasons Hotel, 8 Finance Street , Central

Speaker: Malcolm Gladwell, Author of The Tipping Point, Blink and Outliers, one of Time Magazine's 100 Most Influential People (2005)

> Capture the rare opportunity to meet with the phenomenal speaker, Malcolm Gladwell, author of The Tipping Point, Blink and Outliers, during his first public appearance in Hong Kong! In the seminar, Gladwell will talk about how little things can make a big difference, by presenting a new way of understanding why change happens as quickly and as unexpectedly as it so often does. Describing how trends work, Gladwell helps the audiences apply this knowledge to their own business strategies. Using the principles of epidemiology, he explains how trends start and spread and he offers tools for igniting, steering and/or sustaining the trends.

CanCham members enjoy up to 25% off! Quote the promotional code "CanCham Malcolm" while registering online. Click on the link below.

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14 Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, August

SEMINAR | Breakthrough to Success - Wealth and Power Weekend

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Friday and Saturday: 9:00am - 10:30pm, Sunday: 9:00am - 8:00pm

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Early Bird Special: 980HKD (expires July 31)

Normal Price: 1500HKD (starting August 1)

Star Hall - HITEC, Kowloon Bay, 1 Trademart Drive, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon, Hong Kong

Speaker: Christopher Howard, Described as The Warren Buffett of Personal and Professional Development

> Motivate and Transform yourself and your Staff in one weekend!

Who MUST attend?

- If you know that you are capable of much more than you are currently doing in life
- If you are unwilling to settle for anything less than your unlimited potential

- If you feel lost or uncertain about the direction you are currently heading
- if you want to accelerate your success and learn the tools that GUARANTEE maximum empowerment

Christopher Howard, is one of the world's leading authorities on the psychology of wealth and accelerated personal achievement. Described as "The Warren Buffett of personal and professional development," He is the next Anthony Robbins, already captivating audiences worldwide from UK to New Zealand with clients including politicians, Fortune 500 executives, celebrities, and thousand of people.

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NEWMEMBERS

ENTREPRENEUR | Kuipers Family Entertainment Limited – Playtown

Robert Kuipers, Director

> Hong Kong's largest, 10,000 square feet candy themed indoor playground, offers entertainment for children aged 12 and under. Playtown's basic focus is children's play and fitness, where parents or care-providers can enjoy hours of close interaction with their children in a safe, clean, well air-conditioned, secure and stimulating environment. Playtown features gigantic play structures, ballistic arena, sports zone, air bounce, private party rooms and waiting areas complete with WIFI.

ENTREPRENEUR | Koopman International Hong Kong Limited

Robert Kuipers, Director

> Koopman International is a renowned trading company which trades over 25,000 non-food consumer goods worldwide.

Ever since its establishment in 1937 Koopman International has placed a high value on reliability, service, tailor-made solutions and security. Because of this Koopman International, as one of the largest importers in Europe, has become a familiar address for wholesalers, shopping markets, discount stores and drug stores.

Our vast network of suppliers in Asia and our expertise in purchasing enables us to offer the best products against competitive prices and services in the market today.

ENTREPRENEUR | Theatre du Pif

Sean Curran, Artistic Director

> Theatre du Pif is a leading Hong Kong theatre company known for its cross-cultural heritage and bilingual productions in Cantonese, English or both.

Their work has been critically acclaimed in Hong Kong, China and Europe and they regularly invite world class artists to Hong Kong to collaborate on new projects.

The company's theatre work has been supported by a host of organizations including The Hong Kong Arts Festival, The New Vision Arts Festival, The Home Affairs Bureau of Hong Kong and The British Council. In 2010 they will represent Hong Kong at the World Expo in Shanghai with their acclaimed production *The Will to Build*.

Besides creating new theatre productions, they also run a wide range of educational and community outreach projects in Asia and Europe. In recent years their work has extended beyond theatre and they regularly teach public speaking, voice and communication skills to business

executives.

“Theatre du Pif operates at the cutting edge of modern theatre.”
~ South China Morning Post

Company Web site: <http://www.thtdupif.com/>

CORPORATE ADDITIONAL | Tammy Wong, Toronto Dominion Bank

CORPORATE ADDITIONAL | Victoria Fuh, Vice President of Sales, The Venetian Macao Resort Hotel

CORPORATE ADDITIONAL | Tom Gaffney, Asset Manager, Hong Kong Land Limited

INDIVIDUAL | Steve Lawrence, Training & Development Manager – Airport, Cathay Pacific Airways Limited

SPECIAL | Claire Nouvian, President, Bloom Association (HK) Ltd.

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL | Simon Cheng, Assistant Operation Manager, Alliance Systems & Appliances

CANADIAN & MEMBER NEWS

AIRLINES | Air Canada unveils Winter Olympics jet

> A huge Olympic-themed Air Canada aircraft will spread the 2010 Winter Games message in key European and Asian markets starting next week.

The new Boeing 777 — with massive images of six winter sports — will fly to destinations like London , Paris , Frankfurt, Tokyo , Beijing and Hong Kong beginning July 16.

The aircraft, part of Air Canada ’s commitment as the official airline of the 2010 Olympics and Paralympics, was unveiled Tuesday at the airline’s operations centre at Vancouver International Airport .

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FREE TRADE | FTA comes into force

> Canada 's first free trade agreement with European countries came into force on July 1, 2009. The agreement will benefit Canadian industry by eliminating or reducing duties on a range of merchandise exports.

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BANKS | U.S. regulators could learn from Canada 's banks

> Our northern neighbor sometimes seems so similar to the United States that it's hard to tell where the USA ends and Canada begins. Here's one way: Canada is the place with healthy banks, taxpayers unscathed by megabillion-dollar bailouts and no need to overhaul financial regulation because it was done right the first time.

As U.S. officials scramble to prevent a crisis sequel, the ability of Canadian banks to navigate the current financial storm is earning global plaudits. The World Economic Forum in October ranked the country's financial institutions No. 1 in the world for solvency. U.S. banks came in 40th, two rungs behind Botswana .

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TRADE | Tune in to trade on YouTube

> Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada now has two channels on YouTube. Tune in to get valuable advice from business experts and entrepreneurs and see how the Trade Commissioner Service can work for you.

[Entire Article](#)

PRIME MINISTER | Former prime minister Jean Chretien named as senior adviser to Ivanhoe Mines

> Former prime minister Jean Chretien has been named as senior international adviser to Ivanhoe Mines and its affiliated companies, the Vancouver-based international mineral developer announced Wednesday. Chretien will provide advisory services to Ivanhoe Capital Corp.'s affiliates through a contract with Global Mining Management, a private service company based in Vancouver .

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BANKS | 加拿大金融体系为何能躲过次贷危机

> Mark Krugger interviewed in the Chinese media on Canadian banking regulation. You can source an English translation by emailing info@cancham.org.

[Entire Article](#)

SPACE | Astronaut Gets Honorary Degree in Space

> A Canadian astronaut orbiting Earth received an honorary degree - a first in space - on Wednesday during a long-distance call from his college alma mater.

The University of Calgary in Alberta bestowed an honorary Doctor of Laws degree on Robert Thirsk, an astronaut with the Canadian Space Agency who is currently living aboard the International Space Station. Thirsk, 55, is a graduate of the university and Canada's first long-term resident of the space station.

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BUSINESS | Grant Thornton welcomes new global IFRS standard for privately held businesses

> The new International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium sized Entities (IFRS for SMEs) could transform the way privately held businesses (PHBs) around the world prepare their accounts said Grant Thornton, as it welcomed the publication of the global standard by the International Accounting Standards Board. Grant Thornton believes the new standard offers a unique opportunity to create a standardised accounting framework for PHBs throughout the world.

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HOUSING | Tips for the Perfect Home

> Hunting for a new home in Hong Kong can be overwhelming and stressful; but with the help of a good agent, relocation and finding the perfect home can be both enlightening and fun.

[Here](#) are some tips to find your perfect home

DIRECTORY | The **EXCHANGE** *DIRECTORY* is underway!

> The Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong's largest publication of the year is just around the corner.

This year's membership directory has a new name to go along with a sleek new look and layout. Production of the **EXCHANGE** *DIRECTORY* is fully underway and we will be making contact with all members starting Monday June 8th so we need your help to make sure it contains the most up-to-date information and images possible.

This is a fantastic year-round marketing tool so please direct all advertising enquiries and information updates to directory@cancham.org.

If you are not a member, sign up now so that you will not miss out on your chance to be a part of this year's exciting new

EXCHANGE *DIRECTORY* package.

Please contact our Membership Manager Luigi La Tona at +(852) 2110 8718 or luigi_latona@cancham.org for more details.

MEMBERPROMOTIONS

COMMUNICATION | **Effective Communication Skills Demonstration**

> July 16th, ClarkMorgan's bilingual trainer Vincent Hu is going to present Effective Communication Skills in Hong Kong .

Vincent is from Singapore ; Vincent has over 20 years of international exposure in senior management level and hands-on experience in sales and marketing. Vincent has the dynamic presence, excellent interpersonal communication skills and people management. He combined his training with energy and humour and is one of the most popular trainers in ClarkMorgan. He is fluent in Mandarin, English and Cantonese.

I believe you will learn some techniques during the 3 hours fun-filled workshop.

Please reply via email or call Peyton Liu at peyton.liu@clarkmorgan.com or at 852 69138800 to secure your seats.

When: July 16th, Thursday, From 2:00PM to 5:00PM

Where: Xia Men Room, Prince Hong Kong Marco Polo Hotel , Canton Road , TST (马哥孛罗王子酒店,海港城附近)

Price: FREE for all ClarkMorgan invited Guests, HR professionals. Tell them you saw it through the CanCham.

THEATRE | **Antigone - The Girl who Dared to Say NO**

> A daring interpretation of a modern theatre classic which explores what happens when one individual stands up to tyranny. Directed by Canadian Director Jovanni SY, resident Playwright at the Shaw Festival, Sophocle's Antigone is one of the most sharply individualized and compelling figures in western drama. In 20th century, the great French playwright Jean Anouilh adapted the ancient drama during the Nazi occupation of Paris and it has become a classic in its own right.

A Theatre du Pif production - Presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department - Performed in English with Chinese subtitles .

Book your tickets through Theatre du Pif, enjoy 20 % discount offer as well as the chance to win a lunch for two at the bistro Le Velo in Central.

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*All bookings made through Theatre du Pif will be put into a prize draw and the winner will be contacted one week before the show opens.

Programme enquiries: 2268 7325 (LCSD)/2904 2030 (Theatre du Pif) , Ticketing enquiries and reservations: 2734 9009, Credit card telephone bookings: 2111 5999 , Internet bookings: www.urbtix.hk

For more information, visit www.lcsd.gov.hk/cp (LCSD) or www.thtdupif.com (Theatre du Pif).

Studio Theatre, Hong Kong Cultural Centre

30-01.7.2009 8pm

01.08.2009 3pm

02.08.2009 5pm

Ticket price : \$180, \$120

COCKTAIL | Summer is Here!!

> The RED Group would like to personally invite you to our VIP Cocktail night on July 23, 2009 at Veto Club & Bar.

This event is targeted at Professionals, HR, Entrepreneurs and Individuals who are looking to extend there business network by forming partnerships, alliances and even meeting new friends in Hong Kong .

Our event in May was highly successful and we are looking forward on seeing you at this one. Bring lots of business cards as there will be plenty of networking opportunities.

Register: www.redgroupasia.com Alternatively: R.S.V.P sheldon@redgroupasia.com to attend or call 852 670 40755

Special Promotion: Sign up and register for this event on our RED Group Asia events website and receive 15% off the price. Special Cocktail prices till 9pm. Over 19 different cocktails to choose from.

TRAVEL | The R.V La Marguerite

> The R.V La Marguerite is an exclusive 46-cabin river vessel, with French colonial interiors and local artifacts to immerse you in the culture of the Mekong Delta, in total comfort and style. Amazing 9 night river cruise package along the Mekong River departs fortnightly from September 2009.

This ecruising.travel/hk special package includes 7 nights on board RV La Marguerite, 1 night (pre-cruise) accommodation at Le Meridien

Angkor Hotel, Siem Reap, and 1 night (post-cruise) accommodation at the Sofitel Plaza Hotel, Saigon . Transfers between ship and hotel at the start and end of the voyage, onboard meals, Welcome and Farewell Dinners, local beer, packaged soft drinks and house brand spirits, all onboard taxes, fuel, pilot, port dues and passenger levies are all included. From HK\$9,299.

Click [here](#) for more details

Saigon to Siem Reap – Click [here](#) for more details

To book these cruises please choose one of the following options: Call 8202 6226 to speak to one of our cruise consultants, who will help you make your reservation. Email us at hkbookings@ecruising.travel. Complete an online [booking request form](#), which will be actioned by one of our cruise consultants.

EDUCATION | The Canadian Education Centre Seminars and Sessions

High School Seminar: Bronte College of Canada

> The Canadian Education Centre (CEC) is pleased to present a High School Seminar by [Bronte College of Canada](#), a private, co-ed boarding school located in Mississauga , Ontario , Canada . The free information session will be held on **Friday, July 17** from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Canadian Education Centre, Rm 1216, China Merchants Tower, Shun Tak Centre, 168 Connaught Road Central (Sheung Wan MTR, Exit D). A school representative will give a presentation on Bronte College and meet one-on-one with prospective students and parents. Seating is limited; reservations are highly encouraged. For reservations and enquiries, please call 2524-9668 or visit website at: www.studycanada.ca/hongkong.

High School Seminar: Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School

> The Canadian Education Centre (CEC) is pleased to present a High School Seminar by the [Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive Secondary School](#), a public school located in Selkirk , Manitoba , Canada . The free information session will be held on **Monday, July 20** from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Canadian Education Centre, Rm 1216, China Merchants Tower, Shun Tak Centre, 168 Connaught Road Central (Sheung Wan MTR, Exit D). A school representative, Ms. Wendy Roscoe, will give a presentation on the school and meet one-on-one with prospective students and parents. Seating is limited; reservations are highly encouraged. For reservations and enquiries, please call 2524-9668 or visit website at: www.studycanada.ca/hongkong.

SEMINARS | Foreign Student Services/International Education Services

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Friday, July

SESSION | Applying to a Canadian Secondary School for September 2009

5:00pm – 6:00pm

Foreign Student Services, Room 2112 Hang Lung Center , 2-20 Paterson Street, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong (Causeway Bay MTR “E”).

> Suitable forms: Form 1 – 5.

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Friday, August

SESSION | Langley School Board

3:00pm - 4:00pm (Information Session) and 4:00pm - 6:00pm (Application for September 2009)

Foreign Student Services, Room 2112 Hang Lung Center , 2-20 Paterson Street, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong (Causeway Bay MTR “E”).

> Suitable forms: Form 1 – 5. 24-hour acceptance.

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Monday to Friday, August

SESSION | Recruitment Week for Form 5 HKCEE Wishing to Study in Canada for September 2009

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10:00am - 1:00pm and 2:00pm - 6:00pm

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Foreign Student Services, Room 2112 Hang Lung Center , 2-20 Paterson Street, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong (Causeway Bay MTR “E”).

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> Suitable forms: Form 5 HKCEE.

COMMUNITYNEWS

INTERNET | Have Your Say on the Future of Internet Governance - ICANN Day Long Seminar – No Charge

> Attend a Special Consultation with ICANN (www.icann.org) - the global coordinator for the unique identifiers (including domain names and IP addresses) of the Internet. Hong Kong is 1 of 4 cities hosting this series of Global Consultation and Outreach Events ICANN is conducting for the New gTLD (generic Top-Level-Domain) Program. Internet Society Hong Kong (ISOC HK) is proud to be bringing this event to Hong Kong alongside ICANN.

Agenda and speakers: [Click here](#)

Pre-Registration: [Click here](#)

BALANCE | Work-Life Balance Day

> Does your company support Work-Life Balance? Join the many companies taking part in Hong Kong 's second Work-Life Balance Day on Friday 23 October 2009.

Findings from representative surveys of the Hong Kong working population from [2006 - 2008](#) repeatedly show that employees in Hong Kong work very long hours, that poor work-life balance is impacting their productivity, health and relationship with family and friends and that they believe their employers can do more to address the situation.

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/WLB/2009> or contact Ada Wong at ada@communitybusiness.org or 2152 1889.

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 2110-8718.

Changing jobs? Addresses? Emails? Let us know! Contact luigi_latona@cancham.org or call 2110-8718 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 andrew_work@cancham.org or 2110 8728.

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.

- 21** Tuesday, July
MEETING | Entrepreneur and Small Business Committee
8:15am - 9:30am
The Canadian Chamber of Commerce Boardroom, 1301, Kinwick Centre, 32 Hollywood Road, Central
- 24** Friday July
MEETING | Sustainable Development Committee
8:00am - 9:30am
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.

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