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The Weekly e-Newsletter of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong

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MUSTREAD

INVESTMENTS | CBC looks at Chinese investment in Canada

- > When China Investment Corp. invested \$1.7 billion in Teck Resources stock in July, it looked like another step in the Chinese government's much-discussed strategic plan to buy resources while they're cheap.

China has reserves of billions, perhaps trillions, of U.S. dollars, accumulated by its massive exports of manufactured goods to the West. It also has a growing need for raw materials to feed those factories.

Put the pile of cash together with the growing long-term demand and low commodity prices, and it all adds up: China can recycle that money by buying resources, or at least the companies that produce them, or making loans in exchange for commodities, as it has done with Russia and Brazil .

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UPCOMINGEVENTS

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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20 Thursday, August

SEMINAR | Worldwide recession - how deep, how long?

Thursday, 20th August 2009, 12:30 – 2:00 pm (12:15 pm Registration)

Member: 490HKD

Non-Member: 590HKD

Corporate Table: HKD6200 (10-12 seats)

Island Shangri-La Hotel Hong Kong , The Ballroom

Speaker: Professor Dr. Norbert Walter , Chief Economist, Deutsche Bank Group

> The world economy is undergoing its deepest recession since World War II. History suggests that the correction of housing and credit market excesses does deepen and lengthen the downturn. The downward spiral is not yet broken.

While huge economic stimulus packages may stabilize the main economies towards year-end and planned investments in infrastructure, renewable energy and education on top may have effects on export oriented economies, such as Germany or other western European countries, however, risks and uncertainty remain unusually high due to the magnitude, momentum and global nature of the crisis. It is natural in times of uncertainty to seek protection. This may be the psychological reason why we can observe a resurgence of nationalism. It may also be the reason why we seem to choose to blame globalization for the ills of today. While seeking refuge in the familiar is an understandable reaction, it will not get us very far in our efforts to find the right solutions to the challenges that our interconnected, intertwined and interdependent countries face. At this luncheon, Prof. Walter will share his in-sight about the global economy in a year to come.

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NEW MEMBERS

ENTREPRENEUR | **Absolute Sanctuary**

Claire Bostock-Huang, Executive Director

> Absolute Sanctuary is a Moroccan inspired boutique wellness resort specializing in Detox, Spa & Yoga holiday programs. Owned by the Absolute Yoga Group which owns and operates 6 yoga studios in Thailand & 3 in Bangkok, it is Thailand's premier Detox & Yoga Resort.

Absolute Sanctuary is designed specifically with your wellbeing in mind. Blending comfortable accommodation with a wide range of detoxification programs, yoga offerings, spa-based healing therapies and restaurant serving spa cuisine, ABSOLUTE SANCTUARY caters to those seeking a journey back to balance, rejuvenation and wellness.

The resort features 38 rooms all showcasing the architectural styles of Morocco, a world class Detox center offering signature detox programs, a Spa Center offering specialty massages with both indoor & outdoor treatment rooms, a yoga studio with heating system offering a wide variety of yoga classes from Hot Yoga to Pilates, a restaurant serving healthy spa cuisine offering dishes that will tantalize any taste buds and a beautiful 20 x 8 m infinity edge swimming pool to relax by.

CORPORATE ADDITIONAL | **Connie S.Y. Yu**, Director of Business Development & Marketing, JSM

ENTREPRENEUR ADDITIONAL | **Tony Lee**, Senior Partner, Asia Corporate Training

YOUNG PROFESSIONAL | **Rowena Gonzales**, Founder & Creative Director, Liquid Interiors

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NEW APPOINTMENT | **Bakers moves on with tax appointment after Greater China layoffs**

> Former Business Policy Chair Stephen Sieker is back in Hong Kong after some years in Calgary. And Jennifer van Dale makes Partner.

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STOCK EXCHANGE | **TSX taking names, kicking you know what.**

> As the market close approached, the S&P/TSX composite index was ahead by 162 points, or 1.6 per cent, at 10,532, with energy, materials

and financials leading the way.

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INVESTMENTS | Terence Corcoran on the Teck-China deal: Investment Canada 's inscrutable role

> Despite the rocky history of attempted Chinese state investments in Canada , and with a classic East-West corporate spy scandal brewing over a Rio Tinto mining executive based in China , the sale of 17.2% of Teck Resources of Vancouver to a Chinese sovereign wealth fund sailed through with surprising ease. Hardly a voice was raised in opposition, aside from a few Teck shareholders who accused CEO Don Lindsay of selling a piece of the company at too cheap a price.

Times, it seems, have changed, along with attitudes toward foreign national investment. Or have they?

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AVIATION | 100 planes cross Canada , marking 100th anniversary of flight

> More than 100 small planes are crossing the country, from Boundary Bay , B.C., to Baddeck , N.S. , in a journey marking the 100th anniversary of flight in Canada .

The mass flight is the largest group of non-military aircraft to ever travel together across the country, organizers of the trip say.

Pilot and documentarian John Lovelace is filing reports from the trip as participants make their way through 30 stops in places including Calgary , Brandon , Man. , Marathon, Ont., Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Brampton , Ont., Gatineau , Que., Fredericton , and Sydney , N.S.

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HEALTHCARE | A clear vision for better health care

> By cutting out inefficiencies with surgical precision, a Victoria eye clinic is helping patients faster than ever before

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BLACKBERRY | RIM to Release BlackBerry Desktop Software for Apple Mac in September

> Research In Motion (RIM) on Monday announced plans to release BlackBerry Desktop Software for the Apple Mac in September. Details

about how the software looks and operates have been [posted to a developer's blog](#) on the Inside BlackBerry Web site, an official blog maintained by RIM.

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COPYRIGHT | Copyright consultations launch in Vancouver

> Canadians are getting a new chance to say what updated copyright legislation concerning music, movies, software and other media should look like.

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SPACE | Astronaut greets fellow Canadian with bear hug and beef jerky

> A bear hug in space between two Canadian astronauts marked a history-making moment as Julie Payette floated into the International Space Station and was greeted by fellow Canadian Bob Thirsk.

It marked the first time two Canadian astronauts were in space together at the same time.

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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

TREATS | SPECIAL SUMMER TREAT FOR ALL MEMBERS: VALID UNTIL JULY 31st

> Spend more than HKD 88.— buying FRANCESCA chocolate and get a silver heart filled with 1 piece of pralines or truffles (champagne, rum, dark truffle, rosewater heart) of your choice (value of gift HKD 88.--)

www.enrichyourpotential.com/

Chinese article featuring FRANCESCA in The SUN: http://the-sun.on.cc/cnt/lifestyle/20090723/00479_001.html

SEMINAR | CANADIAN HIGH SCHOOLS INFORMATION SEMINAR

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Monday, August

SESSION | Special Speaker from Academie Ste. Cecile International School

The Canadian Education Centre (CEC) is pleased to present an information seminar on Canadian high schools for students and families. The seminar will feature a special speaker: Ms. Therese Gadoury, Principal of the Academie Ste. Cecile International School in Windsor, Ontario. Topics will include: the Canadian education system, schools still accepting applications for September 2009, and more!

This free information session will be held on Monday, August 3 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Canadian Education Centre, Rm 1216, China Merchants Tower, Shun Tak Centre, 168 Connaught Road Central (Sheung Wan MTR, Exit D).

Seating is limited; reservations are required. For reservations and enquiries, please call 2524-9668 or visit website at: www.studycanada.ca/hongkong

TRAINING | YOUTH ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

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Fridays, July and August

CLASSES | Learning English through Movies

Who says learning English is boring? How about learning through movies! The participants of this exciting programme develop a love and enjoyment for English. In addition, they also enhance their listening ability, and are

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given guidance on interpretation of the body and facial language to further their understanding of each film.

> 9:00am-10:00am

Age group: 7-11

> 11:30am – 1:00pm

Age group: 12+

CLASSES | What does it take to be a successful entrepreneur?

Mrs. Julia Courtenay-Tanner established one of She is the owner of one of the most reputable English language training centres in Hong Kong 25 years ago. Returning Hong Kongers still ask for Venture by name. How does she manage? She will share her secrets with you!

> Youth Entrepreneurs

10:00am-11:30am

(Age Group: 13+)

Venture Language Training Limited, 1/F, 163 Hennessy Road, Wanchai. For more information, please contact Karen Poon at 2507 4985.

LANGUAGE CLASSES | 10% discount for CanCham Members

>All levels of Mandarin Courses with 10% discount for CanCham Members

- Flexible one-to-one & small group
- Native instructor fluent in English
- Can teach at your workplace or home

For more information, please visit: www.practicalmandarin.com or call May Zhao (Tel: 22875108)

ACCOMMODATION | Summer Packages and chance for FREE air ticket!

> Surf The Charterhouse Causeway Bay , Hong Kong website at www.charterhouse.com for the best available rates this Summer! Contact Bena Yip at hub@charterhouse.com to find out more on our "Stay with Us and Your Meeting is FREE" package this Summer and stand a chance to get a FREE air ticket with your bookings made.

www.charterhouse.com

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 (马哥孛罗香港太子酒店,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.

*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 their 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.

COMMUNITYNEWS

GOLF | CUA Charity Golf for Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children

> Following the success we had with our Charity Golf events in the past years, the committee of CUA Golf Society is now organizing a charity golf tournament to raise fund for Hong Kong Society for the Protection of Children (HKSPC). For details on HKSPC and their charity work in Hong Kong , please log on to: <http://www.hkspc.org>

The date will be Friday, September 11, 2009 at 10:40am and the venue is the beautiful and challenging East Course of Kau Sai Chau. CUA Golf Society is organizing 25 teams of 4 players each and a team may donate as much as the team members desire but the minimum contribution per team will be HK\$ 8,800 which will include all green fees, golf cart, prizes, dinner and transportation cost.

All proceeds after expenses will be donated to HKSPC for their Child Care Service.

If you are interested to support this worthwhile cause, please get your golfing friends together, form a team, and participate in this meaningful event.

There will be lots of prizes for the winning teams, nearest pins, longest drives and raffle draw.

For more details, please contact our Executive Director Mona Ng (2541-7434)

SEMINARS | Foreign Student Services/International Education Services

- 25** Saturday and Sunday, July
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5:00pm - 7:00pm and 3:30pm - 5:00pm
Foreign Student Services, Room 2112 Hang Lung Center , 2-20 Paterson Street, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong (Causeway Bay MTR "E")
- > Suitable for students starting school in Canada in September 2009
- 31** 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.
- 7** Friday and Monday, August
10 **SESSION | Langley School Board**
3:00pm - 4:00pm and (Information Session) and 4:30pm - 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

10:00am - 1:00pm and 2:00pm - 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 5 HKCEE.

For booking, please contact 2577-9901 or infocanada@fsshongkong.com

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.

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.

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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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