

NEW ZEALAND-THAI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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June 2007

Dear Member

For those of you who attended last month's function and took part in Crown Relocations rugby trials -I hope you have all recovered. On behalf of the Chamber I would like to thank John Perry and his support team for making it such a memorable evening.

Earlier this month the Chamber held its first eastern seaboard networking function down at Gullivers' on Pattaya beach road. There was a good turnout with about 40 people attending, including a few familiar faces and committee members from Bangkok. Many thanks are due to our two sponsors, Grant Thornton and Transit Maintenance who helped make the event possible and provide us with sufficient encouragement to plan more ESB events in the future.

During the month I attended the JFCCT meeting and two items of interest arose. Firstly the current Chamber of Commerce Act B.E that has been in place since 1966 is to be amended. The proposed key changes involve an increase in the types of businesses that would be eligible for membership and the relaxation of the requirement that the member has to be domiciled in Bangkok. This will become - domiciled in Thailand. We will keep you posted on the timing for the approval of the new Act.

The second issue relates to Compulsory Licensing and the IP changes proposed particularly for the pharmaceutical industry. We understand now there is also the possibility that CL will be extended further into plant seeds, textbooks and software. This is a fairly complex issue and for those members who could be affected directly or wish to express their views or concerns should contact me so that any comments can be fed back to the JFCCT.

In this month's newsletter there is mention of Jo McEvoy's return to New Zealand. In her role as NZ's Trade Commissioner to Thailand over the last 3 years, Jo has been a very active supporter of the Chamber and she has provided key assistance with some of our events. Our thanks and best wishes go to Jo and Keegan on their return to NZ next month.

Also mentioned in the newsletter is the recent work done to our website to enable members to upgrade their profiles and logos directly, using their own personal user ID's and passwords. This is a very useful enhancement that will be especially beneficial at Directory time, so special thanks to Dave Mills for promoting and implementing this initiative.

This month's sponsor is NZI - isn't it good to see a company that has retained its NZ trademark. Grant Signal has been a long standing supporter and sponsor of the Chamber and he is also on the committee actively looking for new memberships. So anyone who wants to join the Chamber should talk to Grant now because subscriptions paid after 1st June will extend membership through to 31 August 2008.

We look forward to your company at this month's NZI networking function at the Sheraton Grande.

Kind regards

Cris Dunning
President

Kiwi NEWS

June 2007
Corporate Knight Function
28th June 2007
6:30pm - 8:30pm

Please note later start time

Venue: Sukhumvit Room, Sheraton Grande Sukhumvit
Corporate Sponsor:



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Our June Networking event will also be an opportunity for members to farewell our Trade Commissioner, Jo McEvoy who will be returning to New Zealand at the end of June. Please join us in wishing Jo well and in thanking her for all the support she has given the Chamber.

**Chamber Events/
Dates for Your Diary**

Thursday 27th July

July Corporate Knight Function
NZTCC's monthly business networking evening at the Sheraton Grande Sukhumvit Hotel

For full details: www.nztcc.org

Thursday 30th August

August Corporate Knight Function

NZTCC's monthly business networking evening at the Sheraton Grande Sukhumvit Hotel

For full details: www.nztcc.org

New Members

Shrewsbury International School

Chamber Representatives:

Ms. Stephanie Jones

Mr. David Willis

Tel: 02 675 1888

www.shrewsbury.ac.th

Business Type: Education

Siam City Factoring Public Company Limited

Chamber Representatives:

Mr. Sutipong Ittipong

Mr. Trongjai Darbavasu

Tel: 02 308 2081

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Business Type: Financial Services

The Chamber has completed the upgrading of members' profiles/ listings on the web-site. Members should now have received their user ID and password via email. Please log-on and check your details.