

President's Monthly Report – February 2009

*"He who is not courageous enough to take risks
will accomplish nothing in life."*

Mahummad Ali

Already into our third month this year and behind the scenes a number of negotiations and developments are starting to take shape. Our events will soon commence and the Carbon Diet Program funded by the Queensland Government's Environmental Protection Agency will take off.

March 2009 also marks the 3rd Annual General Meeting for the Chamber and as interest grows on our organisations activities and initiatives so does the attraction of membership onto the Management Committee. This past year we have managed with the absence of one Management Committee member though we are keen to fill this position for the next 12 months. The AGM is scheduled for Tuesday 31st March 2009 and I encourage all members to get involved and attend this important meeting. Notices and nomination forms will be on their way, soon.

The Chamber has endured a difficult year and the current economic downturn will no doubt provide other challenges though I am assured our future financial situation will be a stable one.

Future Events

A draft calendar of events has been developed and currently under review by the Management Committee.

I anticipate our first business event for the year is near and we look forward to the support of members, guests and other industry and government representatives to ensure every event is a success.

I would encourage members who are interested in the attending the 6th World Chambers Congress in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on the 3 – 5 June 2009 to contact myself or John Armstrong as we are keen to confirm the Chamber's delegation and commence negotiating travel, accommodation and Congress registrations. This will be a terrific opportunity to develop international relationships and business networks abroad.

Conclusion

A big welcome to new members, Gongon Consulting (Rod Williams), IBA (Gerry Barabas), Cypress Rivers Pty Ltd (Christine Luck) and Herbert Greer Lawyers (S Harrison).

Welcome aboard, we all look forward to meeting and working with each of you in the near future.

Thank you, Congratulations and I look forward to growing our success, together.

Charlie Jia

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