

New membership category set for fall

This fall, the Chamber will introduce a new membership category designed to entice and satisfy the needs of smaller businesses. The Entrepreneur Member will be defined as a privately owned and operated business based in Hong Kong with fewer than 15 employees, including the owner/manager.

The Entrepreneur and Membership Committees have worked to develop this category. It is seen as an incentive to small businesses, as many of the corporate benefits are included in the package.

The new category will be voted on by members at an Extraordinary General Meeting scheduled for November 25. Cost of being an Entrepreneur Member will be set at \$2,000, half of the corporate membership.

Individuals wishing to upgrade their memberships to Entrepreneur status must fall in with the following stipulations: "An entrepreneur member is defined to be a privately owned and operated business based in Hong Kong with fewer than 15 employees, including the owner/manager. Only one owner/manager may be the Chamber representative. This privilege is

not transferrable within the Chamber year". Corporate members may not change their status until renewal.

We hope to see a lot more interest and activity from small businesses once they learn the benefits of being an Entrepreneur!

New office space for the Chamber

As many members will be aware, the Chamber office has resided in premises generously provided by the Commission

for Canada for many years. With government cutbacks in Ottawa, it has been deemed necessary for the Chamber to begin paying rent. The Executive Committee, together with the Long-Range Planning Committee headed up by Larry Mills, and the Board of Governors, have been discussing the various alternatives open to us.

Options being considered by the Chamber include paying rent on the existing premises in Exchange Square, or relocating to a less expensive piece of real estate and, in doing so, either lease the property or buy it outright. Any feedback from members would be appreciated.

New Membership Secretary

A warm welcome to new Membership Secretary Rosita Wun, who replaced Mina Ho in mid-September. She is already working well with the new membership system that has been installed and will be the one most likely to answer your membership enquiries.

Rosita, also known as Wun Kit Ling, studied in Victoria, BC for two years at Camosun College. She speaks Mandarin, Cantonese and English. Her interests include seeing movies, hiking and swimming. ♦

Christine Kan, Andrew Szende, Ada Tsang and Dominic Chan at the October Happy Hour, held monthly at Judgement AD.



The past meets the future. This photo features the four Executive Directors of the Canadian Chamber hamming it up. From left to right, current Executive Director Leslie Henderson and former Executive Directors Heather Allan, Pat Flavin and Shelley Gunton. Since this photo was taken, Allan moved to New Zealand and Gunton to the US.



Miss Rosita Wun