

Chamber Welcomes New President



Barry Macdonald

At the Annual General Meeting on May 28, 1994, Barry Macdonald officially became President of The Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong. In "real" life, Barry is a partner at Coopers & Lybrand, heading up their Canadian tax department. He also specializes in Hong Kong and international tax planning.

A Canadian Chartered Accountant from Vancouver, this real "west-coaster" graduated from Simon Fraser University and worked in the Vancouver office of Coopers & Lybrand for eight years.

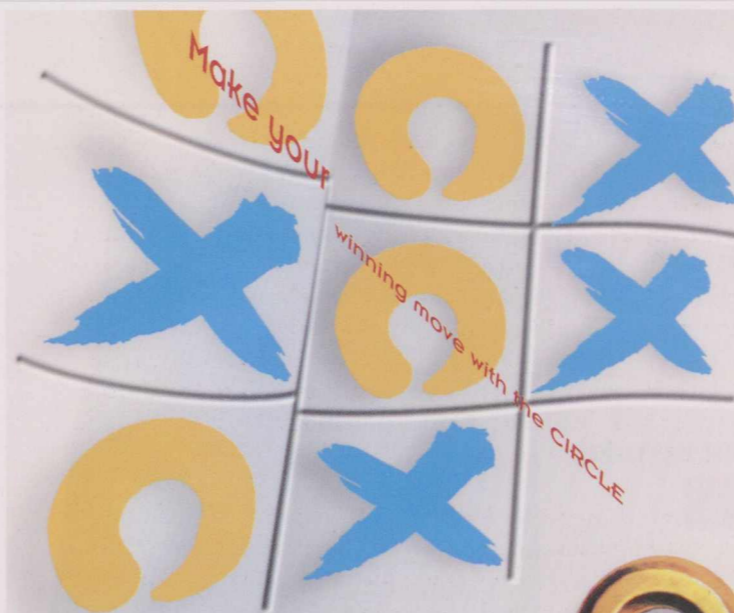
Barry was transferred to Hong Kong in 1990 to set up a Canadian tax department for the firm, and was admitted to the partnership in 1993. He is not only the youngest partner in Coopers' Hong Kong office, but also the only North American-born partner.

He says of his involvement with the Chamber, "The great thing about the Chamber is that the more interest you show in it, the more interest it takes in you and, therefore, the more you benefit." Barry became involved with the Chamber as soon as he arrived in Hong Kong, serving on the Trade & Investment Committee and the Legal & Policies Committee. He then became chair of the Scholarships & Awards Committee, followed by two terms as Vice-President and Treasurer. He has also been a regular contributor to the Chamber magazine, *Canada Hong Kong Business*, with welcome advice on Canadian tax issues for individuals in Hong Kong. Becoming President was a logical follow-on for this dedicated Chamber member.

Barry's first priority as President will be turning the Chamber's financial situation around and getting back into the black. "The Executive will be looking at ways to increase membership, hold more (and more profitable) functions, and increase the number of advertisers in the Chamber magazine," says Macdonald. To achieve this, the Executive will be calling on corporate members for their views.

Says Barry of the benefits of being involved in the Chamber, "Working on committees with other volunteers is an interesting break from my regular job. It's also good for business, as I have made many contacts through Chamber events."

"More importantly," adds Macdonald, "Anne and I have many friends in Hong Kong as a result of our involvement with the Chamber." ♦



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