

Many applications for Photophone's high-quality images

Hong Kong's first high-definition still image transmission system has been sold by Chamber member Info-Imaging Services Ltd.

The product, called a Photophone, allows a user to transmit and receive high resolution colour images to another Photophone in a matter of seconds. Photophone has now been installed at the Commission for Canada and the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service in Hong Kong, which use the system to do forensic analysis of passports being presented at Kai Tak Airport from their Central offices.

The ability to view objects through the system is seen as a unique selling point for Hong Kong business with production facilities in China and markets in North America or Europe.

Susan Mey, Managing Director of Info-Imaging Services Limited, explains: "We have had increasing interest from manufacturers, where Photophone has applications for both product design and quality control. The image clarity facilitates decisions by managers on whether a particular product quality is acceptable, or whether the prototype meets the original design specifications."

Because of the image quality, Photophone also has important applications in the transmission of medical images for radiologists, specialists, or pathologists.

Info-Imaging Services Limited has distribution rights to Photophone for Hong Kong, China and Indonesia.

Macdonald made Partner at Coopers and Lybrand

Congratulations to Chamber Vice-President and Treasurer Barry Macdonald who has recently been admitted as a Partner at Coopers & Lybrand in Hong Kong. He joined the Coopers & Lybrand's Vancouver office in 1982, was promoted to principal in 1990 and transferred to the Hong Kong firm in that year to set up and lead a Canadian tax division. Macdonald advises Hong Kong individuals that are immigrating to Canada, Asian investors in



Mr. Barry Macdonald

Canada and Canadian and American companies doing business in China, Hong Kong and other parts of Southeast Asia. Macdonald frequently lectures on international tax planning throughout Southeast Asia.

As well as his significant work on behalf of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong, he is also a member of the Canada-Singapore Business Association and the Malaysia-Canada Business Council. Macdonald is a Canadian Chartered Accountant, a Hong Kong certified public accountant and a graduate from Simon Fraser University in Vancouver.

New GM at Regal Kowloon

Canadian native Douglas A Barber is the new General Manager of the Regal Kowloon Hotel. Barber began his career at the Hotel MacDonald in Edmonton, Alberta in 1973 and has worked for a number of international hotel chains including Delta Hotels and the Hilton Group. He was previously General Manager of the Regal Riverside Hotel in Shatin.



Douglas Barber (left) hands over his job at the Regal Riverside Hotel for the General Manager's position at the Regal Kowloon Hotel.

Name change

Chartered accounting firm Braithwaite Harris & Cadesky has a new name - Braithwaite Harris Cadesky & Chong. Sonja Chong, a partner in taxation, often con-

tributes tax articles to *Canada Hong Kong Business*. Their office is located in Willowdale, Ontario.

Royal Bank of Canada expands service in Asia

The Royal Bank of Canada has announced that it will be expanding the range of services in Asia. The move comes as a result of Royal Bank's recent acquisition of Royal Trust, Canada's second largest trust company.

"While Royal Trust will remain a separate entity in Canada, its international operations are being merged with the private banking business of Royal Bank of Canada," says Allan Taylor, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

Operations will be merged in Hong Kong, Singapore and Taipei.

One change includes the establishment of a Hong Kong investment management unit to manage Group mutual funds and the Asia portion of global portfolios. Another is the expansion of trust activities in Hong Kong and the region.

"Asian markets are important to us," says Taylor. "The fast-growing economies of the Asia Pacific region and the links with North America have created new opportunities for us to increase our presence here."

Royal Bank is Canada's leading financial services institution with consolidated assets of more than C\$160 billion.



Allan R Taylor, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Royal Bank of Canada.

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