



Commissioner for Canada John Higginbotham presented a pewter plate to Marlene Lee in thanks for all of her work as Chamber president in 1992-93 at a dinner for the Board at Governors. Lee is now serving as chairman of the Board of Governors.

through the support of guests and sponsors. These funds allow selected business students at all universities and polytechnics in Hong Kong to continue their studies.

Chamber delegation makes valuable contacts in Macau

On June 30, a delegation from the Chamber executive met with the executives of several Macau business organizations. Peter Tulloch, Hugh Gillespie and Colin Russel were accompanied by William Brown, chairman of the Indo-China Committee and Fred Kan. The visit was initiated by Kan, who is the president of the recently formed Macau Canada Association.

The Chamber group met with the president, vice-president and several directors of the Macau Chamber of Commerce. They then met with representatives of the Industrial Association of Macau, Macau Exporters and Importers Association, and the Association of Textile and Knitting Industries.

It was agreed that the Canadian Chamber will follow up on what was a very productive set of meetings through a regular exchange of information with their Macau counterparts and extending invitations to attend each others events of interest. The Macau groups stressed their ability to provide a valuable liaison function for businesses looking at opportunities in Zhuhai and adjacent regions of southern China.

Dragonboaters extraordinaire

Chamber members Katherine Lynch and Yan Yan Li set the pace for another successful season for the Hong Kong University women's dragonboat team. The team, which had been training up to four times a week at Deep Water Bay since the autumn, won races at Mui Wo and Stanley. They also represented Hong Kong at the international races at Tsimshatsui East on July 3 and 4.

Lynch, who teaches law at Hong Kong University and Li, a Canadian lawyer in Hong Kong, sat at the front of the boat, setting the rate for the 18 other paddlers.

The HKU team finished a respectable sixth out of 11 international teams including Canada, Italy, China, Australia, Great Britain, New Zealand and the Philippines.

"It was great exposure for us to race at the internationals and we're really happy about how we did," says Li. "But one of the most important things is that we still have fun with it. We work hard and we're dedicated but we try to keep the cultural and social aspects as well."



Members of the HK University dragonboat team.

The Hong Kong University men's team was also strong this year. Also winners at Mui Wo and Stanley, the team finished third in the Hong Kong open men's division at the internationals.

The women's team from False Creek in Vancouver were the stars of the two-day international competition in Hong Kong with their third successful victory (a "threepeat"), while the men's team placed fifth. The Indonesian men's team continued to dominate the field with a decisive first place finish.

Canada was also well-represented by Toronto, whose men's and women's team both placed third in the internationals.

Incidentally, the sport of dragonboating may be given a boost if Beijing is chosen to host the Olympics in 2000, as organizers have talked about introducing dragonboating as a demonstration sport.

Practical solutions to make business immigrants feel at home

A new division within the Manitoba government's Department of Culture is hoping to help immigrants establish a successful business in that province.

Manitoba receives many immigrant entrepreneurs from Asia, including those from Hong Kong. The newly created Citizenship Division has been set up to help make sure their transition to their new environment is a smooth one.

To do this, they have developed and implemented an English for Business Purposes Program specially designed for this group and are considering a number of other initiatives. For more information on this program, contact the Government of Manitoba office in Hong Kong.

Round-the-clock sports channel linked through Hong Kong

Hong Kong Telecom has been chosen by ESPN, a 24-hour cable television sports channel in the US, as the regional hub for its satellite television signals.

Under the three-year contract, which took effect on 1 April 1993, ESPN's television signals are down-linked to Hong Kong from the Pacific Ocean satellite and then up-linked to the Palapa satellite which relays them to cable television operators in Asia.

ESPN, which previously used Malaysia as its regional telecommunications hub, selected Hong Kong because the territory provides an excellent elevation angle for receiving the downlinked signals from the Pacific Ocean satellite. As a result, the quality of signals received by cable television operators is significantly better.

