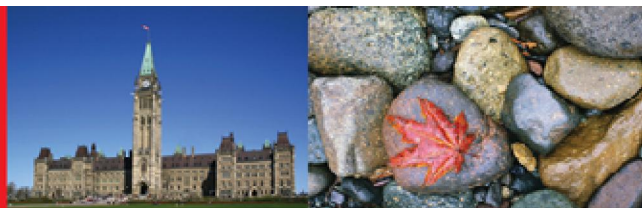




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Summer/Fall 2015 Edition

President's Message



Dear CanCham Members and Friends,

I trust you have had, or are having, an enjoyable summer break with family and friends, be it in Singapore, Canada or elsewhere.

At our CanCham AGM 2015, we voted in a new CanCham Executive Committee for 2015-2016. We have returning ExCo members, as well as new inductees. Peter Nesbitt, Managing Director-IFI and Trade Finance at Bank of Montreal, Eric Canale, SVP-Investments of Pacific Star Capital, and Mark Ceolin, CEO of Redgate International and former Chair of CanCham Shanghai, are all joining the CanCham team, with Peter succeeding Randolph Mank as Vice-President. Stepping down from the ExCo were Karen Eidsvik, Regional Director for Subway, a longstanding (and thankfully continuing!) supporter of CanCham Singapore, and Cameron Vernest, Managing Director of BlackBerry, a CanCham Annual Sponsor and very active ExCo member. Karen will remain in Singapore and Cam will be heading back to Canada to pursue new opportunities – we are very grateful for their terrific support over the past number of years. Proactive renewal of the Board or Executive Committee of any non-profit organisation is vital to keep the organisation active, and I'm grateful to be working with such terrific colleagues around the table!

We were grateful to have H.E. Heather Grant, High Commissioner of Canada to Singapore, address our Annual General Meeting in between meetings around the Shanghai Dialogue. Our keynote remarks were from Peter Nesbitt, who drew on his past experience as Regional Vice President of Export Development Canada to share insights on the ASEAN Economic Communities, as well as regional opportunities and challenges for Canadian companies.

The recognition of 50 years of Singapore-Canada Diplomatic Relations continues to be a central theme across all the 5-Pillars of Canada in Singapore as the build-up continues to Singapore's National Day on August 9th. On behalf of the Executive Committee and Members of CanCham Singapore, we wish Singapore a very happy 50th birthday, as we look forward to another vibrant year for CanCham in 2015-2016!

Sincerely,

Ian Wilson
President, 2015-2016

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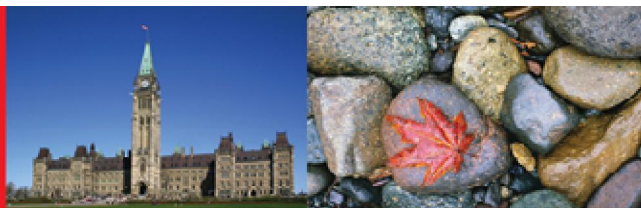
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Canada Night at the Races 2015



The 10th running of **Canada Night at the Races** in Singapore was another lively affair at the **Singapore Turf Club**.

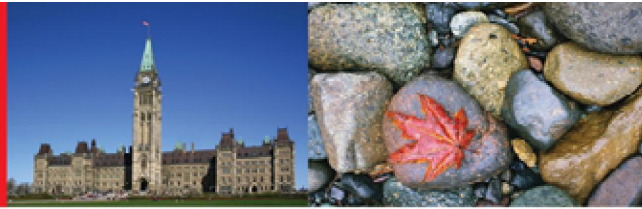
The theme of the 2015 edition was “**Celebrating 50-Years of Singapore-Canada Diplomatic Relations**” with commemorative pins handed out to all guests by the **High Commission of Canada**. The event once again featured strong support from the Canadian business community. Race title sponsors included **Manulife, Fairmont, Scotiabank, BlackBerry, HJM Asia Law and TD Securities**, with event sponsorships from **Consilium Law Corporation, Canadian Alumni-Singapore and the High Commission of Canada**.

H.E. Heather Grant, High Commissioner of Canada to Singapore presented the Canada Cup 2015 alongside Mr. Tan Guong-Ching, Chairman of the Singapore Turf Club and graduate of McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. CanCham President Ian Wilson, Canadian Association of Singapore President Janey Schueller and Canadian Alumni-Singapore President Evelyn Wong presented the Canadian 5-Pillars Cup

CanCham AGM 2015 at Fairmont Singapore



At AGM 2015, held at the **Fairmont Singapore**, CanCham President and AGM Chair **Ian Wilson** delivered the Annual Report from the Executive Committee, as well as introducing **H.E. Heather Grant, High Commissioner of Canada to Singapore**, to share a few words on bilateral ties. The AGM also served as an opportunity to vote in the new CanCham ExCo for 2015-2016. In addition to the regular AGM orders of business, guests heard keynote remarks from **Peter Nesbitt, former Regional Vice President of Export Development Canada (EDC) and newly appointed Managing Director –International Financial Institutions and Trade Finance for Bank of Montreal** in Singapore. While Peter is a familiar figure to many CanCham members, his years of working in the region with EDC helped form a thoughtful presentation on the ASEAN Economic Community and its emerging opportunities and challenges in the years ahead for Canadian businesses in Singapore.



Canada Day 2015 in Singapore



The **Canadian Association of Singapore**, in partnership with the 5-Pillars of Canada in Singapore, organised a Canada Day BBQ on the banks of the Singapore River. Hosted by **Brewerkz**, the event was a terrific way to bring together Canadians and friends of Canada from across the island to celebrate.

The Honourable Jean Charest Addresses CanCham Singapore



The **Honourable Jean Charest**, Partner at McCarthy Tetrault and former Premier of Quebec and Deputy Prime Minister of Canada, delivered an energetic presentation at the **Fairmont Singapore** to a sold out audience. Mr. Charest encouraged continued multilateral trade and investment between Canada, Singapore and Southeast Asia, as well as sharing some best practices from Quebec to deal with skill-shortages in key industry sectors.

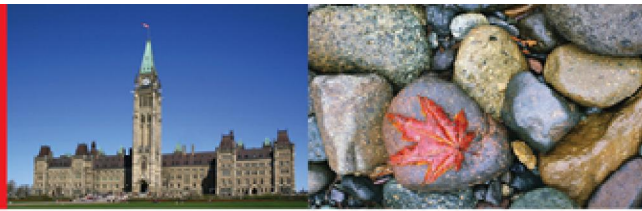
The event was held as part of Mr. Charest's visit to Singapore and Thailand, where he attended and moderated a panel on the Trans-Pacific Partnership, Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and Canada-ASEAN Trade.

Canada ASEAN Business Forum



A successful **Canada ASEAN Business Forum** was held in Bangkok, Thailand this year, organised by the **Canada ASEAN Business Council (CABC)**. The inaugural forum was held in 2013 in Singapore.

CanCham Singapore is an Honorary Member of the CABC, alongside all other Canadian chambers and business association in ASEAN. The CanCham Executive Director, Rohan Belliappa, is working with his counterparts across ASEAN to help increase shared membership benefits and networking opportunities across different countries. For details on the CABC, check out www.canasean.com.



BlackBerry Presentation to CanCham



With striking views of Singapore from the **Equinox** complex at the **Swissotel on Stamford**, we were delighted to hear an update from **BlackBerry**, one of the Chamber's longstanding supporters. The presentation was delivered by **Matthew Talbot, SVP-Emerging Solutions and the global head of BlackBerry Messenger**. The event also introduced **Joanna Barclay, CEO of the Culture Leadership Group**, a published author and leadership coach from Ottawa, Canada, who has been advising numerous Singapore organisations on the importance of Conscious Culture in developing successful organisations.

Inter-Chamber Networking Night and North American Brewery Tour



To celebrate a summer tradition, **CanCham** and **AmCham** co-hosted a **North American Microbrewery Tour** at Brewerkz Riverside Point. The event also served as a networking opportunity for members of both Chambers. Participants were especially fortunate to get a guided brewery tour by Brewerkz Brewmaster Scott Robertson, who started his brewmaster career at the family brewery in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. The brewing equipment was put together in Abbotsford, BC and Brewerkz remains a key partner for Canada Night at the Races and Canada Day in Singapore.

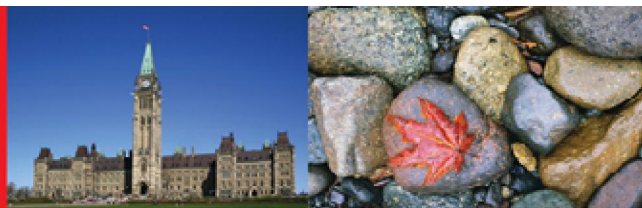
CanCham successfully defends Canadian Alumni-Singapore Intervarsity Bowling title!

A team composed of **Kevin Cumbers (Managing Director-Scotiabank)**, **Sue Cumbers (Accounts Manager-CanCham)**, **Marlene Han (Chairperson-CanCham)** and **Rohan Belliappa (Executive Director-CanCham)** successfully defended its title at the **Canadian Alumni-Singapore Intervarsity Bowling Tournament**. Winners of the inaugural tournament in 2014, CanCham were competing against teams composed of Singapore-based alumni from various Canadian universities, including McGill, University of Toronto, UBC, Simon Fraser and Western Ontario.

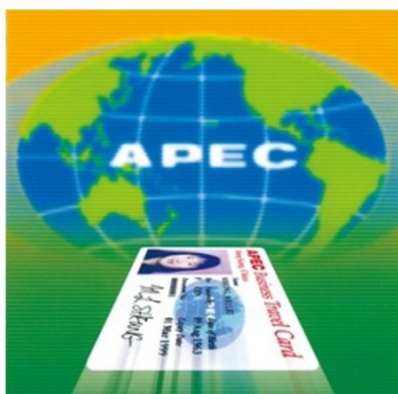


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APEC Business Travel Card available to Canadian passport holders



Above: Canadian Minister for International Trade, the Hon. Ed Fast, in a priority lane for ABTC holders at Manila airport

A number of CanCham members have inquired about the availability of the **APEC Business Travel Card (ABTC)** for Canadians. The ABTC is available on a pilot basis for Canadian passport holders who are holder of a **NEXUS** card. The ABTC, which is valid for up to three years, allows card holders to use designated APEC lines when travelling within the APEC region to participating APEC economies. These travellers will also be able to use a Trusted Traveller kiosk and benefit from faster border clearance when returning to Canada. Canadian ABTC card holders will need to present all required travel documents when entering foreign APEC economies. For further details on NEXUS visit www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/goc/nexus_highway.shtml

Upcoming CanCham Events

Email execdirector@cancham.org.sg for further details. Check out www.cancham.org.sg for updates to the schedule.

August 18th: Inter-Chamber ICT Networking Night.

August 25th: Canada Corporate Social Responsibility Reception at the International Singapore Compact for CSR Summit

September 18th: Irish-Chamber Golf Tournament, in partnership with CanCham

September 30th: Presentation on Canada's Oil Sands and Oil Prospects

October 7th: Canada Back to Business 2015

October 23rd: CanCham Food and Wine Pairing Dinner

December 10th: Inter-Chamber Holiday Networking Night