



NEWSLETTER



Chairman's Message:

Dear Hong Kong Branch Members:

Time flies and it has been six months since we published the last issue newsletter. This newsletter serves to announce our past activity of Annual General Meeting which was successfully held on 17 May at The Parklane Hotel with the courteous support from our Founding President, Mr. Edwin Theobald. This year, we had a good attendance and I am pleased to announce that Cynthia Leung was re-elected as Vice-Chairman. The rest of positions of the Executive Committee remain unchanged.

In this issue, I am excited to announce that we have organized a day tour to Macau to visit the Institute for Tourism Studies. A big thank you to James Lu who organized this visit to the Institute for Tourism Studies so as to understand the latest tourism trend of Macau as well as the introduction of campus of the Institute. To end the day tour, a sumptuous lunch has been arranged at an Indian restaurant at the Galaxy. The members can opt to spend their weekend at some designated hotels which offered the IoH members special discounts. Details of run-down are listed in the later section.

Another traditional event is our Christmas Lunch. This time, we have a special offer for a 3-course lunch with unlimited wine pouring from the Mandarin Oriental Hotel. Early enrolment is encouraged to avoid disappointment as places are limited.

The inaugural conference has been deferred to 2012 due to arrangement of event sponsor and identification of speakers in progress. Our conference organizing sub-committee which includes Edwin Theobald, Leslie Bailey, and Catherine Poon, spent their precious time to spot appropriate speakers to kick off our first conference. The topic will be “Managing China’s effect” aiming to discuss the impact from China in various aspects such as business orientation; human resources; financial impact on the hospitality industry in Hong Kong. I assure that this topic is of great interest to the professionals in the hospitality industry not only limited to hotels; airlines; clubs; restaurants and tourism. Conference details will be finalized and announced in separate invitation later. Riding on this conference event, I hope that senior hospitality professionals can see the benefits that IoH bring to their career and thus introduce IoH to their potential successors.

Meanwhile, may I take this opportunity to introduce our new secretariat, Ms. Miki Takashima who studies MSc International Hospitality Management program at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. At the same time, I would like to express my sincere gratitude towards Ms. Catherine Poon as the role of Education Director for the past few years. Due to her retirement from career, this post is now taken up by her successor, Dr. Ray Pine who is the Department Head of Hosts of IVE Chai Wan. Moreover, thank Cynthia Leung who is kind enough to continue taking up this editor role for the newsletter in addition to her new role of Vice-Chairman. If you like to share any news in relation to hospitality industry or anything of interest and worth sharing, please send your article(s) to Cynthia at cleungsm@netvigator.com or our Secretariat Ms. Miki Takashima at hmioh@inet.polyu.edu.hk.

Past Event



Chairman

Duncan Palmer



AGM 2011 (17 May 2011) held at The Parklane Hotel

Calendar of Upcoming Events 2011

IoH Events. Let's join

26 November 2011: Macau One-Day Tour Programme:

- 11:00 Team Building (Please find Campus Address below for Team Building)
- 11:05 Institute Presentation
- 11:25 Q&A Session
- 11:35 Campus Tour
- 12:30 End of School Visit followed by Lunch at The Galaxy Indian Restaurant.

A good menu that contains a wide variety of Indian dishes will be provided at approximately MOP 150 per person to be paid at the end of meal by credit card or cash.

Please arrange your own transportation to the IFT campus (Meeting Point: **Reception/Entrance of IFT**) as below, and arrive accordingly at **10:45 AM (15 minutes)** prior to commencement of programme). Also each person will make own arrangements to return to HK.

IFT Campus Address:

Institute for Tourism Studies, Colina de Mong-Há, Macau

Tel: (853) 2856 1252

Fax: (853) 2851 9058

www.ift.edu.mo

For those members interested in staying overnight in Macau on the 26th of November, Mr. Patrick San has attained hotel rates as below at (3) properties. Members are encouraged to revert to him **directly via email at patrick.san@galaxyentertainment.com** to guarantee these rates -- the sooner the better, latest by the 20th of October.

Galaxy Hotel: HK\$ / MOP 1,800+15%; Hotel Okura: HK\$ / MOP 1,900+15%; Banyan Tree: HK\$ / MOP 2,475+15%

All the above are room only. Feel free to make your own hotel arrangements if you wish to stay overnight.

1 December 2011 : Christmas Lunch at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel

A 3-course lunch with unlimited wine pouring at only \$450+10% per person

Reservation is highly recommended to avoid disappointment as places are limited.

Contact: Ms. Miki Takashima, Secretariat of IoH Hong Kong (Email: hmioh@inet.polyu.edu.hk)