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ACTION ASEAN !

Cocktails with HSBC , mission and economic updates, reminder to register soon

A reminder to register soon for our cocktail event with HSBC, open to members, Export New Zealand members, guests and all those who have expressed interest in our planned Trade Mission to Malaysia and Brunei in March next year.

Hong Kong based Simon Constantinides, HSBC Regional Head of Trade and Supply Chain Asia Pacific returns to NZ and addresses us on "The new face of trade: opportunities and challenges posed by emerging trade corridors/trends"

We'll then update you on plans for the ANZCBC/ENZ Trade Mission to Malaysia and Brunei.

We're hoping that both the Mission leaders, Sir Peter Maire and Sir Kenneth Stevens, will be back in Auckland from business trips.

With other Mission organisers, they'll address you on the two markets and progress with mission arrangements.

Date: Thursday 24 November 2011

Time: 5.00 to 7.00 p.m.

Venue: HSBC, Level 9, 1 Queen Street, Auckland

RSVP: By Tuesday 22 November 2011

For details and registration please [click here](#)

For a bio of Simon Constantinides [click here](#)

We thank HSBC for its continuing and valuable support and hospitality

Barnett on the Thai floods

Kiwi expat in Thailand, Justin Barnett, who made a well received breakfast address to us in February has provided this personal report on the Thai floods ([click here](#)) <http://www.asianz.org.nz/our-work/action-asia-business/action-asia-insights/thai-floods>

We're hoping to secure Justin's services again early next year for an update both on the floods, the consequences and the prevailing Thai economical and political climate.

ExportNZ welcomes NZECO enhancements

ANZCBC partner, ExportNZ, has welcomed changes to the services offered by the New Zealand Export Credit Office.

The changes will allow NZECO to underwrite its trade guarantees in a broader range of currencies, including the Renminbi and give it more flexibility to support transactions with benefits to NZ over and above the level of local value-added content.

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For the Government release on the changes [click here](http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/govt-boosts-trade-finance-support-exporters) <http://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/govt-boosts-trade-finance-support-exporters>

2nd Textech Indonesia 2012 International Expo

If you have an interest in Indonesia's International Exhibition on Textile Apparel Technology & Machinery and would like further information on this Expo end May/early June 2012 please [click here](http://www.cems-textech.com/) <http://www.cems-textech.com/>

Tuk Tuk triumph compensates for RWC shame

Took a bit of googling to bring you the result of the SE Asian Tuk Tuk race, with Greece, floods, elections, crumbling dictatorships and the Black Caps actually winning a 5 day Test Match, unworthily denying it mainstream media coverage.

Team "So..?" was the first team to cross the finish line, though on the back of a truck rather than on their rickshaw. The first rickshaw to cross on its own power was Team "CoolBeer," whose crew included drivers from Britain and France, ample revenge for World Cup miseries!

For more [click here](http://blogs.wsj.com/searealtime/2011/10/31/and-all-the-rickshaw-glory-goes-to%E2%80%A6/) <http://blogs.wsj.com/searealtime/2011/10/31/and-all-the-rickshaw-glory-goes-to%E2%80%A6/>

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