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Revisiting the Asian Regional Forum

Riding on the excellent rapport established between the regional alumni associations during the IC Centenary celebration in 2007 and continuing the momentum of activities, ICAAS has commenced discussions to explore the possibility of holding an Asian Regional Forum (ARF) on a regular basis. This suggestion has been warmly received by the IC Alumni Relations Office. The original idea of an ARF was raised several years ago, but was put on hold when SARS hit the region.

During the series of events held in end November 2007 to celebrate the centenary year, ICAAS was honored by the presence of IC faculty members as well as alumni from Hong Kong, India, Japan, Malaysia, and Thailand. Several ICAAS members also attended the IC Centenary dinner hosted by ICAAM in Kuala Lumpur.

The ARF is likely to be a 2-day event featuring keynote addresses and talks given by IC faculty and alumni, as well as a social program for both attendees and accompanying guests. Indeed, ICAAS's recent IC Alumni Seminar on 29 November 2007 was our attempt to validate whether such an approach would be viable. The event's success has encouraged us to re-visit the ARF. More details on the ARF will be available soon.

Trip Report of Amelia Chang (Winner of 2007 WSPC-ICAAS Most Outstanding Junior College Science Student Award)

Amelia's participation at the Stockholm International Youth Science Seminar was very successful. She mentioned that "The experience and memories gained are priceless." Amelia is exceedingly grateful to World Scientific Publishing Company, ICAAS and Ministry of Education for making this possible. See the full trip report at URL:

<http://www.icaas.org/awards/jc/ameliachang-07.pdf>

News Snippets

"The Rotary Foundation Group Study Exchange" has selected Ms Ng Lee Peng (Imperial MBA, 2002) for a place in the Rotary International Group Study Exchange Program in the state of Ohio, USA.

Submitted by Benjamin Wong (ICAAS life member and immediate past president, Rotary Club of Victoria)

We Seek Your Contributions ...

If you have had a class or year reunion recently, do drop us a few lines and/or send us a photo to share with others in the newsletter. This is a great way to catch up and/or locate long lost friends.

MBA Talk @ The Pod



The MBA Wing of the Imperial College Alumni Association of Singapore (ICAAS) invites you to attend the first MBA talk in 2008 on "Competing in the Global Marketplace: Lessons Learned & Future Prospects" to be given by Prof. Joseph Cheng (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) on 03 March 2008 (Monday) at 1915 hours. It will be held at The Pod, Level 16, NLB Building, 100 Victoria Street, Singapore. Admission is FREE but registration is required. Please register before 12 noon 29 February 2008, by emailing nlprogrammes@nlb.gov.sg and to include "ICAAS Talk on Global Marketplace" in the subject field. Places are limited and will be distributed on a first-come, first serve basis.

What have we learned from the past 15-20 years of globalization and global competition among nations and firms? What are the prospects for the future? And, how can global players position themselves for survival and success in the increasingly interconnected, culturally-diverse, and innovation-driven world economy? Drawing from his more than 30 years of research, teaching, and consulting in the areas of strategy, organization, and international business, as well as his seven years of administrative experience in directing a federally-funded Center for International Business Education and Research, the speaker will address these three important questions and examine their implications for the global competitiveness of Singapore and its resident firms. Additionally, he will invite participation and involvement from the audience to exchange views and share insights about the future of globalization and global competition from their vantage point.

Call for Volunteers - IC Recruitment Fair

As in past years, IC will be setting up a booth at a recruitment exhibition over the weekend of 8 - 9 March 2008 at the Conrad Centennial Hotel. Ms. Jen Martin (IC International Office) welcomes help from recent IC graduates who are be willing to volunteer a couple of hours or a day to share about their experiences in London with prospective students and their parents. Please contact Jen Martin at j.martin@imperial.ac.uk directly to register your interest.

Change of Email Address

In order that you continue to receive updates on ICAAS activities, please inform us of your new email address. Do send the information to Prof. Wong Limsoon (wongls@comp.nus.edu.sg), who has kindly been maintaining the ICAAS mailing list and web site.

Call for Nominations

IDSA

The ICAAS Distinguished Service Award is the highest form of recognition offered by the alumni association. Past IDSA winners are Prof. K K Phua, Raymond Kwok, Prof. Wong Limsoon, and George Ong.

Honorary Membership

According to the ICAAS Constitution, this recognition is given to "persons distinguished by eminence in public life or by service rendered to the College/Association shall be eligible to be conferred Honorary Membership." This recognition has not previously been given out.

See the criteria at www.icaas.org under Awards. The Award Committee, chaired by ICAAS President, comprises Han Neng Hsiu (vice president), Prof. Wong Limsoon (past president), Toh Poh Joo (Youth Wing), and Alex Fung (MBA Wing). The period of nomination is 1 January - 31 March 2008.