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## *Incoming President's Message*

Dear fellow members,

I am very pleased to be addressing you for the first time in this issue of our Newsletter.

The new Board of officers began its 2-year term in May 2015. While a few of these volunteers are returning for another term, we have a few new people, particularly younger ones joining our ranks. We welcome those new Board members with open arms, as this gives us an opportunity to gain fresh ideas and viewpoints. Together with the experience of the "older" Board members, we have a great team to represent you, our members.

The business of the Chinese Business Chamber is important! Not only do we open opportunities for networking both locally and internationally, but we actively pursue initiatives to create business opportunities and leads, to assist you in the advancement of your businesses and professions. We have in place Agreements and Memoranda of Understanding with Chambers of Commerce in several countries including China, Malaysia, Madagascar, Reunion Island and Pakistan.

The Board has been busy since taking office this year. Between the months of August to September we had the pleasure of welcoming delegations to Mauritius from the Hunan Provincial People's Government, Xiangxi Prefecture and Chenzhou Municipal Council of China. After discussions, the delegates of all three missions expressed their wish to encourage members of their associations and cities to consider Mauritius either as a place in which to invest or as a platform for their African ventures. CBC has acted as an intermediary for a meeting between the Municipality of Beau Bassin-Rose Hill and the Xiangxi Prefecture. The two councils agreed to explore possibilities of mutual assistance and the promotion in trade and tourism with the assistance of CBC. We will keep members posted about any development, which might be of interest to them.

CBC in partnership with the Hua Lien Association held 2 talks for their members; the first one was on the Finance Bill in June 2015 and the second one on Smart Cities in August 2015. Both talks were very well attended by members of both associations as well as members of the South Africa Chamber of Commerce and the Chambre de Commerce d'Industrie de France a Maurice. The next talks we will hold will be on "Succession Planning" and "Engineering as a Career Choice". The dates will be communicated to you soon.

We also have good news for members whose children are thinking of going to Malaysia for their tertiary education next year. We have signed a partnership agreement with UCSI University in Malaysia who has offered scholarships for children of members. Subject to further negotiations, we wish to make this partnership a rolling one over several years for the benefits of our members' children. Let me also take the opportunity to brief you of some ongoing initiatives. Looking East from Mauritius, we have had discussions with the national trade promotion agency of Malaysia - Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE). They have agreed to keep us informed of their program of trade fairs both in Malaysia and within the region. They have now sent us an invitation to the Quick Win Trade Fair which will be held in Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia in November 2015 and for which delegates will be provided free accommodation for 3nights/4days on a first come first served basis. I encourage members to avail themselves of such an opportunity and to contact the CBC to confirm their interest. We are also talking to the Honorary Consul of South Korea for the same purpose of getting advance information on trade fairs, which will be held in South Korea.

Looking West from Mauritius, we are negotiating to sign a tri-chamber agreement with the South African Chamber of Commerce and the Chambre de Commerce et d'Industrie de France a Maurice. We will thus extend the networking opportunities for our members and have already participated in some of our mutual activities, such as conferences and talks.

CBC in collaboration with the BOI will form part of a delegation, which will visit Ghana next month. This is an initiative taken by the Minister of Finance following the visit of the President of Ghana earlier this year. This is an opportunity for members to participate in this mission to explore business opportunities in this yet- to be fully tapped market. You are requested to contact CBC to confirm your interest to join the delegation.

We are also in the final stages in the preparation of the printing of our biennial directory. A copy will be made available to all members, sponsors and Chambers of Commerce with whom we collaborate, by the end of the year.

One of our ongoing goals is to improve communication between CBC and our members. We will do this through new channels of communication via social media and the organization of informal get-togethers with the goal of reaching all the members over time.

CBC would not function without its volunteers. I strongly encourage you to learn more about CBC, its history and the services we provide for our members. Remember, communication is best achieved when it goes both ways. Your feedback and involvement in the Chamber's activities through assisting in the various committees would be most useful with a view to offer you a better service that would meet your expectations.

Thank you for taking the time to visit the CBC Newsletter online. If at any time you feel that you need more information about us, please don't hesitate to call our office or send us an email. We will be happy to respond. Get informed! Get involved!

*Lee Meng How Onsiang*

President

November 2015

# MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

## YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE DUE FOR 2015!

You are kindly reminded that your annual membership dues for 2015 are now due. If you have already paid your membership, please disregard this reminder. Please note that as from 2014, annual membership fees are now Rs 2000 a year. Renew now to take advantage of exclusive benefits available to you ! You will find a list of benefits below.

## PAYMENT METHOD

a) Kindly remit your check drawn in the name of "Chinese Business Chamber" to the CBC Office at 1F, TN Tower, 13 St Georges Street, Port Louis.

b) Alternatively, you can effect payment by Internet Banking to Chinese Business Chamber, 002211002046801, ABC Banking Corporation Ltd, Main Branch, Weal House, Duke of Edinburgh Avenue, Place d'Armes, 11328, Port Louis. Please mention your name and "Annual Fee 2015".



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## End of Year Dinner @ Angsana Balaclava

The CBC President & board members are pleased to invite you to the 2015 End of Year Dinner. Expect a delicious buffet featuring refined Asian Fusion cuisine amid live music, not to mention the delightful company of CBC members and their relatives, in the enchanting beach front setting of Angsana Balaclava Mauritius.



Date: Friday, December 11, 2015  
Venue: Passion Grill, Angsana Balaclava Mauritius  
Cocktail: 18:30  
Dinner: 19:30  
Dress code: Beach Chic (note: stilettos not recommended)

Rate: Rs 1,400 per person\*  
\* Rate includes buffet dinner and beverages (beer, wine, juice, soft drinks, water)

Seats limited. For reservations, call 213 7888 or email office@cbcmauritius.com, cbcmauritius@gmail.com.

Don't drink and drive, Stay the night: Suites available as from Rs 7000 (inclusive of VAT) on bed and breakfast basis, double occupancy. Complimentary Late Check-out subject to availability.



## Upcoming Talks

In January 2016, the Chinese Business Chamber will be organizing a talk on succession planning. More details on speakers to follow.

Also in February 2016, the Chinese Business Chamber will be welcoming Dr Jimmy Mok VH, Associate Professor and Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Technology and Built Environment of UCSI University for a talk on Engineering as a career choice.



Around Mid-December, the Chinese Business Chamber shall be welcoming a delegation of the China Chamber of Commerce in Eastern Africa in Kenya.

### Please update your contact details and privacy settings with us

We are currently in the process of updating your membership details and contact information in view of our new CBC directory which will be released beginning of November 2015. Please note that this directory is valid for two years – it is therefore imperative that we have your correct information! Please also note that as a member of the Chinese Business Chamber, your information will be displayed in its biennial directory. Should you have any information that you would not like displayed, please contact us immediately.

You can update your contact information writing/calling here:

Corinne Tsang

office@cbcmauritius.com

213 7888

## Club Information

### Introducing our new Office Manager



Mrs Corinne Tsang holds a Diploma in Business and has several years of experience in the offshore industry in Corporate Services. Mrs Tsang shall assist the board, including President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer in taking board minutes, drafting letters and organising events. She will also assist in updating membership information and contact details of members.

## New CBC Email Platform

As from this October, the Chinese Business Chamber has been slowly shifting to a new email platform. The new email platform has been implemented in order to pursue the Board's objective of improving communication with its members.

What is in it for you?

As a member, you will be receiving regular email which is more aesthetically pleasing – it will be used to communicate news and other notifications from the club. It is therefore imperative that we have your updated email addresses. If not, please contact the CBC office to update your information.

The move will also allow us to better manage our mailing lists. This has often been a suggestion and we shall now be using our new email platform as a centralized system to make sure that everyone that should be on the email list, is on the email list.

## Exit the IRS, RES schemes, enter the Smart Cities and Property Developments.

By Aurelie Fong Weng



The Chinese Business Chamber in association with Hua Lien held its monthly talk on Thursday the 20th August 2015. The subject covered was Smart cities and Property development scheme. This topic is currently in the limelight as it is one of the main components of the Vision 2030 of Mauritius. The 2 distinguished guest speakers, Mr. Sachin Mohabeer and Mr. Gaëtan Siew gave to audience more insights about the topic.

The Smart City concept was first mentioned in the Budget 2015-2016, with a total of 8 cities to be built and Port-Louis to be revamped.



Smart Cities aim at being self-sustained cities dedicated to knowledge driven industries conciliating working, living and leisure space. Each city is to be led by a main theme, for example logistics and airport/port related activities, ocean led development and knowledge. Every project should be a large-scale mixed use development project that is environmentally friendly, can generate its own resources in terms of energy and water, provide for state of the art connectivity and smart modern transportation, promote the "live, work and play" concept and invest in dedicated space for the development for arts and culture. These cities are relied on to solve numerous challenges that Mauritius is currently facing, for example traffic congestion, unemployment, energy production and pollution and the decline of the contribution of the construction sector to our GDP.

The property development scheme (PDS) has been designed to facilitate the acquisition of residential property by non-citizens on the island. PDS provides for the development of a mix of high standing residential properties, leisure and Commercial amenities, day to day services such as security, maintenance, gardening, solid waste disposal and household services, social programmes and community projects under the PDS social fund. Some key features of PDS include, the land size (1-50 acres), 25% of the serviced land should be allocated to residential properties, 25% residential properties for Mauritians or member of Mauritian Diaspora, the granting of a residential permit for an acquisition of USD500,000 or more, the land per residential property is not to exceed 2,100m<sup>2</sup> and there is no minimum selling price requirements.

### Speakers profile

#### Gaëtan Siew

World citizen/traveler. President of International Union of Architects . In-depth understanding of men, cities and global issues. Visiting lecturer to Beijing and Montpellier Universities. Resource person to EU Commission, ICOMOS, Shanghai University, Futures Cities UK, industry think tanks. Chevalier Ordre National du Mérite of France. Chairperson of Construction Industry Board and of Smart Mauritius.

#### Mr. Mohabeer

Joined the Board of Investment in 2005. He has headed the hospitality and property development cluster for the last six years, and oversees a large portfolio of projects.

He holds a Master degree in International Business Law, is well acquainted with property laws and regulations and is well known to the business community of property developers and professionals.

## THE CBC LAUNCHES COMPLIMENTARY PROFESSIONAL & CONSULTANCY ADVICE FOR ITS MEMBERS!

In a spirit of solidarity for its members, it is with great pleasure that the CBC is launching this new service.

If you are facing some professional issues/problems or are simply in need of some advice, the CBC may help you by putting some resource persons at your service.

### COMPLIMENTARY LEGAL ADVICE

Me. J. Tsang Mang Kin (Barrister)  
Me. E. Tong Sam (Barrister)

### COMPLIMENTARY ACCOUNTING ADVICE

Mr James Ho Fong (ACCA)  
Mr Ah Vee Li Chung Fong (ACCA)

### COMPLIMENTARY I.T/COMPUTER ADVICE & SECURITY

Mr Tin-Yuen Yong Kwen Chong  
Mr David Tin Shouk Fong  
Mr Pierre Lou Leung Yin Ko

## TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR COMPLIMENTARY SERVICE FOR CBC MEMBERS

Compliant CBC Members are entitled to a complimentary first meeting with preliminary advice per issue/event. It will be at the discretion of the Professional/Consultant to provide discretionary additional service free of charge. This offer is valid till end of current mandate and may be withdrawn at any time by the CBC or the Professional/Consultant. Any complimentary consultancy advice dispensed is non-binding.

We are looking for professionals in other industries, if you would like to participate in this program, please contact Mr Tin-Yuen Yong Kwen Chong below. If you are encountering issues/problems in any other areas, we will be happy to help you find a Professional.

For queries, please contact Mr Tin-Yuen Yong Kwen Chong  
Email: [technodistribution@orange.mu](mailto:technodistribution@orange.mu)  
Mobile: 5259 0238



## WE NEED YOU! VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are looking for volunteers to serve on our various Board Committees (Membership, Communication, Events, CSR, Professional Services, President's dinner, etc). If you are interested to serve, please contact the CBC office or any of its Board Officers. Youthful or female members are particularly encouraged to volunteer.

## Advertise in the CBC Newsletter!

By advertising in the CBC newsletter, not only will you be supporting our non-for-profit activities which help make a difference in our community, but you will also be creating awareness for your services and products to the community. Your advert will be seen by top executives, managers, business owners, entrepreneurs of the country. Contact the CBC Office ([office@cbcmauritius.com](mailto:office@cbcmauritius.com) or [cbcmauritius@gmail.com](mailto:cbcmauritius@gmail.com)) or the Editor-in-chief, Patrice Tze ([patricetze@gmail.com](mailto:patricetze@gmail.com)) for more details on this amazing opportunity.

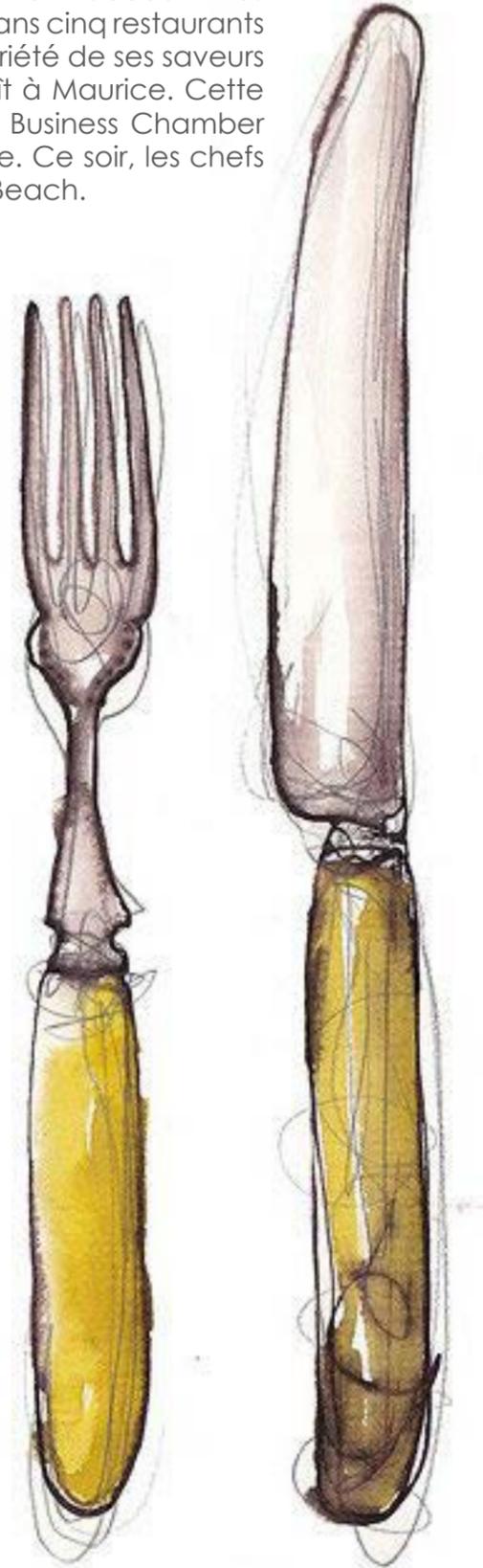
# CBC in the News!

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## CUISINE DE CHONGQING:

### Le public conquis par les cinq chefs chinois

Depuis dimanche, cinq chefs du nord de la Chine font découvrir les spécialités culinaires de Chongqing aux Mauriciens dans cinq restaurants de l'île. La cuisine de Chongqing, réputée pour la variété de ses saveurs très épicées, est différente de celle que l'on connaît à Maurice. Cette découverte culinaire est à l'initiative de la Chinese Business Chamber (CBC), en collaboration avec l'ambassade de Chine. Ce soir, les chefs proposent une soirée gastronomique à l'hôtel Long Beach.



#### Editor's Note:

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Kate is a member of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn (non-practising) and of the Mauritius Bar. She is also an associate member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners and a member of the International Fiscal Association (Mauritius Branch).

Kate has been a CBC member since 2014.

#### THE CHINA-AFRICA LEGAL PROFESSIONALS EXCHANGE PROJECT BY KATE LI KWONG WING

I have had the chance to participate in the second Course of the China-Africa Young Legal Professionals Exchange Program (the "Program") which was held from May 24 to June 21, 2015 in the Beijing Foreign Studies University in Beijing and the Shanghai University of Political Science and Law in Shanghai.

As an economic power, China is an important trade partner to many African countries and also one of the biggest investors in Africa. It is expected that Chinese trade and investments will further increase with Africa, especially with the Chinese President Xi Jing Pin's initiative of a new "Silk Road economic belt" which will, inter alia, consist of a railway route connecting several cities in western China to Europe via Central Asia, Iran, Turkey, the Balkans and the Caucasus across the Eurasian continent, and a maritime route extending across the Indian Ocean to the Persian Gulf and the Mediterranean.

With increasing trade and investments and more China-Africa partnerships, disputes are also more likely to arise. It is therefore important for African countries to understand the Chinese legal system and for China to understand the various laws in the different African countries to better resolve any disputes.

This one month Program was an initiative of the China Law Society to fulfill the Fifth Ministerial Conference of the Forum Of China Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) - Beijing Action Plan (2013-2015), to propel mutual understanding and friendship as well as to deepen practical cooperation between China-Africa in the legal fields and to promote the development of a new-type of Chinese-African Strategic Partnership, under the framework of the FOCAC- Legal Forum.

This year's Program was attended by 26 delegates from 16 African countries including Kenya, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Mozambique, Senegal, Egypt, and Mauritius. 3 weeks were spent in Beijing and 1 week in Shanghai. The delegates included prosecutors, lawyers and officials from governmental organizations.

As one of the participants of the Program, I found it to be a rewarding and enriching experience. It was four weeks of complete immersion into the Chinese culture and legal system by way of lectures by eminent legal scholars and practitioners, and visits to the Supreme People's Procuratorate and the Supreme People's Court, and exchanges with the Shanghai Bar Association and Shanghai Law Association, and the Shanghai International Arbitration Center.

The Chinese legal system is indeed a unique one, which has developed over only 30 years compared to some other jurisdictions which have centuries of legal history. Historically, the Chinese legal system was based on Confucianism, where ethical rules were primary social norms. After the Cultural Revolution in China in the 1970s, China had only 2 laws, namely the Constitution and the law of marriage. There was therefore an urgent need to reform its legal system, and with the opening up of China in 1978, China has started reforms in its laws and is still carrying out reforms.

From a feudalistic country to one ruled by its people, China is now embracing the concept of Rule of Law with Chinese characteristics. In the 18th Congress of the National People's Congress (NPC), President Xi Jing Pin further confirmed the Party's intention to promote the rule of law in China. In the 4th Plenum Congress of the NPC, it has been stated that China's path to developing its legal system is unique, and has several decades to catch up with western countries.

China has already embarked on a series of judicial reforms: China has amended its constitution at least 4 times, and has also incorporated many international laws in its local laws, and has acceded to international treaties. China now has more than 300 international treaties and signed 20,000 bilateral treaties which covers international trade. There are at least 7 branches of law in China, namely: constitution, civil and commercial, administrative, economic, social welfare and procedure law. It is expected that new branches of law will be established such as environmental and military and defence. Awareness of the rule of law is also being promoted in the general public.

The Program therefore offered a unique platform for exchanges and also a source of understanding of the socialist legal system with Chinese characteristics. The Program also allowed the participants to learn more about and compare the different legal systems in the various African jurisdictions they come from. Overall, I learnt first hand about the history of the Chinese legal system, and got a general overview on the various laws of China, including the criminal, employment, financial and economic laws of the country. The Program also allowed us to see the progress that China has done so far in its judicial reforms, and its challenges in coping with new developments in its society, such as progress in technology and social media.

Our visit to the Shanghai Bar Association and Shanghai Law Association and the high level interaction we had with them also demonstrated how China has advanced in respect of its laws. Shanghai has also established a Pilot Free Trade Zone, and a special arbitration court has even been set up to resolve financial and commercial disputes.

I come out of this Program with a better understanding of the Chinese legal system which will allow me to understand Chinese clients better and also help me understand issues from their perspectives.

*Kate Li Kwong Wing*  
Barrister-at-law

## Past Events

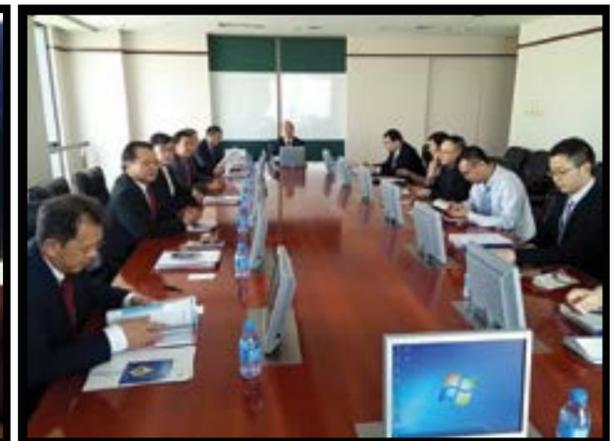
### CBC Visit to China



On March 18, 2015, the CBC sent a delegation to China on the invitation of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries. In the first leg, the CBC visited Beijing, Jinan, Changsha. The CBC was received by Vice-President Mme Lin Yi of the Association. During the bilateral meeting, trade and investment opportunities were explored with companies like Sinopharm, Aiguo, BYD Auto, Zhongda and Jingle. In addition the CBC visited the wholesale market of Linyi in Shangdong Province.

On the second leg, the CBC visited Shanghai at the invitation of the CPPCC Shanghai Committee and signed a Memorandum of Understanding with them. The CBC was received by its Vice-Chairman Mr. Zhou Taitong. During the meeting, the CBC was briefed on a major initiative by the Government of China, entitled "One belt One Road", One Belt referring to the Silk Road from China to Europe and One Road referring to the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road. During the second leg, the CBC met with various companies from Shanghai interested in trade and investment opportunities in Mauritius and via Mauritius to Africa. The CBC also Visited the Shanghai Free Trade Zone.

Finally, the CBC visited the CCPIT (Chinese Council for the Promotion of International Trade) and Chamber of Commerce of the respective Provinces and Municipalities.



## Visit of Chinese delegation from Xiangxi Prefecture, Hunan Province

A delegation from Xiangxi Tujia & Miao Autonomous Prefecture, Hunan Province led by its Mayor visited Mayor Ken Fong of Beau Bassin/Rose-Hill Town. The visit was arranged through the courtesy of the Chinese Business Chamber. In attendance from the Chamber was President Lee Meng How Onsiong, Vice-President Antoine Kon-Kam King, Board Member Franky Chitson and Mrs Chiston who served as Interpreter.

The purpose of the visit was to sign a letter of intent of cooperation between the two parties. Discussions were held on future cultural, economic and educational exchanges between Beau Bassin/Rose-Hill and Xiangxi Prefecture.



Xiangxi Prefecture is located in western Hunan Province. Zhangjiajie and Sangzhi (famous for its scenery) used to be part of the Prefecture and it consists of one city, Jishou and seven counties, Baojing, Fenghuang, Guzhang, Huayuan, Longshan, Luxi, Yongshun. There are 25 minorities in the Prefecture, with a population of 2.5M. Tujia and Miao are the largest minorities. It is a region rich in culture and scenic beauty.



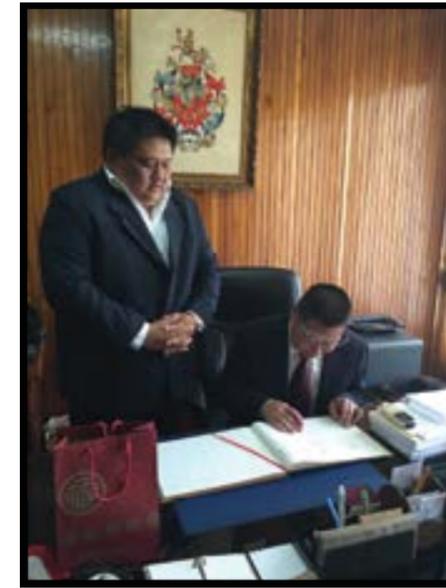
Mayor Ken Fong and Mayor of Xiangxi prefecture exchanging gifts



Mayor Ken Fong showing proudly the gift of hand embroidery, a specialty of Xiangxi Tujia & Miao Autonomous Prefecture



President Lee Meng How Onsiong receiving a gift of appreciation from a Senior Councillor of Beau Bassin/Rose-hill



Mayor of Xiangxi prefecture signs the visitors book of the Town of Beau Bassin/Rosehill

## President's Dinner

On April 9th, 2015, the Chinese Business Chamber held its annual President's Dinner at Intercontinental Hotel, Balaclava. Various dignitaries and business leaders were in attendance. Attendees were treated to a cocktail at 6.30 p.m, followed by a dinner at 7.30 p.m. The beautifully organised dinner was a success. The Board would like to thank everyone who attended and all the organizers. Until next year!



Immediate Past President, Laval Leong Son, addressing the crowd



The CBC Welcoming Party



The Table of Honour (L-R): The Hon Pravind Jugnauth, MP Esq, Mrs LeongSon, H.E. Mr Li Li Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China, Hon Lady Sarojini Jugnauth, Rajkeswur Purryag, GCSK, GOSK, Mr Laval Leong Son, Immediate Past President of the Chinese Business Chamber, The Right Honourable Sir Anerood Jugnauth, GCSK, KCMG, QC, Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius



The CBC Board family picture



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