



RETURN OF THE TIGERS

ASIA ECONOMIC UPDATE 2005



The Australian Institute of Export, the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Griffith Asia Institute and Austrade invite you to interact with a panel of experts as they discuss the economies of Asia in 2005.

Trade policy reforms are opening up Asian economies to global competition at an unprecedented rate. Some of these countries are enjoying their highest levels of prosperity since the regional economic crisis of 1997.

While the Australian Government pursues a free trade agreement between Australia, ASEAN and New Zealand, this discussion will focus on both the short and long-term performances of Asian economies. And more importantly, how this might effect your business decisions for trade with these re-emerging tigers!

The evening will provide the audience with the opportunity to discuss issues with a panel of Asia experts and hear from one of Queensland's most successful export companies on their experiences in exporting to Asia.

Don't miss hearing from one of Australia's most influential and highly respected economists.



WHEN Tuesday 12th April 2005
TIME 5.30pm – 7.00pm
WHERE The Brisbane Club, Edinburgh Rm, 241 Adelaide St, Brisbane
COST Entry including drinks \$29 (inc. GST)



Dr John Edwards is HSBC Chief Economist for Australia and New Zealand. In this position he advises the group and its clients on the economic outlook, the direction of exchange rates and interest rates, and on a range of economic policy issues.

Dr Edwards former roles include Chief Economist for SG Australia, adviser at Macquarie Bank - during which time he was economic adviser to the Australian member of the APEC Eminent Persons Group and to the Australian members of the APEC Business Council.

From 1991 to 1994 Dr Edwards was principal economic adviser to Treasurer and then Prime Minister, Paul Keating. Prior to this he was a political and economic journalist in Sydney, Canberra and Washington.

Dr Bernard Bishop is a member of the Griffith Asia Institute. His teaching and research focuses on export law and practice in Australia and foreign direct investment policy and procedure in East Asia. The Griffith Asia Institute produces innovative, interdisciplinary research on key developments in the politics, economics, societies and cultures of Asia and the South Pacific.

Stephanie Daly is State Director, DFAT, Queensland Office. Her role focuses on communication with business and the broader community on trade policy and other aspects of the DFAT portfolio. She has a special interest in Asia, and has worked long-term in six countries - most recently as Australia's Consul-General in Tokyo, Japan.

Peter Caswell is Export Manager for Stoddart Metal Fabricators. Stoddart export foodservice equipment to Thailand, China, Singapore, and the Pacific area, as well as exporting metal store fixtures to the USA. Stoddart was founded in 1959 in Queensland they now have over 330 employees in 3 Brisbane factories, with 8 product divisions.

Registration Form – Please note bookings only accepted with payment

Please return your RSVP with payment by Friday 8th April 2005 to AIEEx Level12, 83 Clarence Street, Sydney NSW 2000.

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